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Tiny Pluto No Longer a Planet

DWARFED: A child studies the solar system at the National Air and Space Museum on Thursday. Pluto, a tiny green model above, was demoted from planet status by the International Astronomical Union. It is now classified as a "dwarf planet." ♦ **New school:** Teachers rush to alter lesson plans | **Page 6**

Non-Rx Plan B Pill Approved

Morning-after contraception debate turns to minors' use

WASHINGTON | Women can buy the morning-after pill without a prescription, the government declared Thursday, a major step that nevertheless failed to quell the politically charged debate over access to emergency contraception.

The manufacturer, lawmakers and other advocates said they will press the government to let minors purchase the pills over the counter.

The Food and Drug Administration said women 18 and older — and men purchasing for their partners — may buy the Plan B pills without a doctor's note, but only from pharmacies.

Girls 17 and younger still will need a prescription to buy the pills, the FDA told manufacturer Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc., in ruling on an application filed in 2003.

The compromise decision is a partial victory for women's advocacy and medical groups, which say easier access could halve the nation's 3 million annual unplanned pregnancies.

Opponents contend that nonprescription availability could increase promiscuity and promote use of the pills by sexual predators.

ANDREW BRIDGES (AP)

ASSAULT | The Loss of Innocence A Bossier City, La., man assaulted a television news crew Wednesday outside of a courthouse where, less than 10 minutes earlier, he had been found not guilty of assault, the Shreveport Times reported. When the crew approached



Thomas Kersey Milam to talk to him about the ruling, he attacked the reporter and broke one of the cameras. Milam had warned the crew he would "get real mad" if they filmed him. "I wasn't trying to make Mr. Milam angry," reporter Sara Gouedy said. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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SOLUTIONS

He's the 'Pro-Murder' Candidate

Some Brevard County, Fla., residents are upset with comments made by a county commissioner recently, when he told a resident the best way for him to deal with trespassers on his property would be to "get a gun," WFTV-TV reported. During a zoning meeting, environmental groups had presented videos of trees that had been chopped down illegally; the resident then complained that members of the group would have trespassed on the property to get the footage. Ron Pritchard then told the resident to "get a gun" to prevent it from happening again. Pritchard, in the midst of a re-election campaign, said he was joking. (EXPRESS)



THE FINGER

Hey Look, There's a Bird Out Our Window

A Riverton, Utah, vent cover on the side of a house looks like it might be a rude hand gesture. Then again, it might be a cactus, abstract art-style. It depends if you're the owner or neighbor. "This

kind of shows the attitude that we've been dealing with," said neighbor Stan Torgersen, who sees it as a hand giving the finger, visible from all his back windows. The acrimony stems from the Torgersens' complaints to the city that the home exceeded height restrictions. "We used to have a view of the mountains," Janet Torgersen said. (AP)

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DIMINUTIVENESS

Monkey On Your Thumb

You people with tiny dogs you fit in your purse: You've been one-upped, by the Froso Zoo in Ostersund, Sweden. That's where this albino pygmy marmoset — which clung to a zookeeper's thumb Tuesday — was born. The South American species is the world's smallest monkey, with grown-ups tipping the scales at 3.5 ounces and measuring 13.7 inches in length. (EXPRESS)

EXPLANATIONS

I'm Not a Perv, Mom, I'm a Terrorist

Cook County, Ill., officials say a man traveling with his mother didn't want

her to know he'd packed a sex aid. So he told security it was a bomb. Madin Azad Amin was stopped by officials on Aug. 16 after guards found an object in his



baggage that resembled a grenade. When officers asked him to identify it, Amin said it was a bomb. He later told officials he'd lied because he didn't want his mother to hear that it was part of a penis pump. (AP)

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NO TOOLS BARRED: A Florida man is charged with threatening several men with a baseball bat and then hitting one man in the chest in a fight this week. One defended himself with a weed trimmer, and a third, armed with a hammer, broke up the scuffle, police said.

Nation

In Brief

MORGANTOWN, W.VA.
Former Iraq POW Jessica Lynch Expecting Baby

Jessica Lynch, the former prisoner of war whose 2003 rescue in Iraq made her an instant celebrity, is pregnant. She and boyfriend Wes Robinson are expecting their first child in January, her publicist said Thursday. The former Army supply clerk suffered injuries when her Humvee crashed during a fire fight in March 2003 in Iraq. (AP)



Lynch

WASHINGTON
Poll: Challenger Casey Leads Sen. Santorum in Pa. Race

Democrat Bob Casey maintained a slight lead over Republican Sen. Rick Santorum in Pennsylvania, but more voters say they have a poor opinion of the challenger, according to an independent poll released Thursday. In a three-way contest, the new Keystone Poll found Casey leading Santorum 44 percent to 39 percent. Green Party candidate Carl Romanelli had 4 percent. (AP)

Amoeba Altruism

→ New evidence announced this week shows that even microorganisms such as amoebas will sacrifice their lives for members of their own tribe. | **Today, A Section**

IN The Washington Post

Karr Back to Colo. to Face Charges

Police say case against suspect in Ramsey death 'still in early stages'

BOULDER, COLO. | A handcuffed John Mark Karr rode in a state police plane to the city of JonBenet Ramsey's slaying Thursday after prosecutors acknowledged their case against him is still in its "very early stages."

Unlike his flight over the weekend from Thailand to Los Angeles, there was no jumbo jet or business class amenities waiting for Karr. Dressed in a red shirt and dark slacks, he boarded a prop-driven Colorado State Police plane for the three-hour flight to Boulder.

Questions about Karr's involvement in the case have arisen since he told reporters following his arrest in Thailand last week how he was with the 6-year-old beauty queen at the time of her 1996 death but that it was an accident.



EN ROUTE: Police escort murder suspect John Mark Karr onto a plane at Long Beach Airport Thursday in Long Beach, Calif. Karr, faces a warrant in Boulder, Colo.

Boulder County prosecutors have refused to detail any evidence they might have, but in a court filing this week said investigators didn't learn

of Karr's name until Aug. 11, five days before his arrest in Thailand. They said he was arrested in part because they feared he might get

tipped off and vanish.

"It is like this guy fell out of the sky for them and they're trying to figure out what they have going," said Laurie Levenson, a professor at Loyola Law School and a former federal prosecutor. "They can't really let him go or proceed to convict him until they have the evidence. It's in a bit of a limbo now."

The court filing conflicts with the Sonoma County, Calif., sheriff, who said his office alerted Boulder authorities about Karr in 2001 after he was arrested on child pornography charges. The sheriff and Boulder prosecutors both declined to comment on the apparent discrepancy.

"To a large extent, the evidence from the investigation in the affidavit has to do with Mr. Karr and it was only developed recently," wrote Bill Nagel, an assistant district attorney. "Furthermore, the investigation of Mr. Karr is in its very early stages." JOHN SANCHE (AP)

Dam Broken to Refill Calif. Wetlands

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF. | The ocean flowed into historic wetlands Thursday for the first time in more than a century after bulldozers peeled back the last layer of an earthen dam.

Environmentalists who worked for 30 years to restore the massive Bolsa Chica area cheered and sipped champagne as the salty water poured into the fragile eco-

system that had been tapped as an oil field for decades.

The event capped a two-year project that cost more than \$100 million and shunted a portion of the scenic Pacific Coast Highway onto an overpass. Officials said it would take at least six hours for the ocean water to fill the 387-acre basin. The area had been separated from the ocean for 107 years.

The eight state and federal agencies involved in the project call it the largest and most ambitious restoration of coastal wetlands in the history of California, where 95 percent of saltwater marshes have been given over to development.

The Bolsa Chica wetlands project is at the cutting edge of a new and evolving science, said Shirley Dettloff, a member of the conservation group Amigos de Bolsa Chica. (AP)

HEARSAY | PITCHES

"He's a great pitcher, but I don't care about his political views."

—GA. VOTER LAWRENCE HAMMOND ON RECEIVING A TAPED PHONE MESSAGE FROM ATLANTA BRAVES STARTING PITCHER JOHN SMOLTZ, WHO RECORDED POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ADS FOR GEORGIA REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES AHEAD OF THE PRIMARIES

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The percentage of people who consider the Republican Party friendly to religion, down from 55 percent last year, a new survey finds. The GOP still leads Democrats, who garnered 26 percent.

La. Blast Spurs Evacuation

Explosions rock bomb recycling plant; 1,000 flee local schools, jail

DOYLINE, LA. | More than 10 explosions rocked a bomb recycling plant in northwestern Louisiana on Thursday, forcing the evacuation of an entire town and more than 400 prisoners from a nearby jail, authorities said. No injuries or deaths were reported.

A fire at the Explo Systems Inc. site at Camp Minden triggered a major explosion involving two military bombs about 8:30 a.m., state police said. In the ensuing hours, more than 10 explosions — some intense, some minor — went off inside the plant as the fire continued to burn and thick smoke billowed from the plant, police said.

Authorities evacuated Doyline, a town of 800 people 22 miles east of Shreveport, closed two schools and emptied the Webster Parish jail,



GREG PEARSON/AP

BLAST SCENE: Emergency vehicles respond to a series of explosions and a fire at a bomb recycling plant on Thursday in Doyline, La. The blasts forced an evacuation.

said Bobby Igo, chief deputy for the Webster Parish sheriff.

By mid-afternoon, the fire apparently was dying down as rain fell and authorities planned to let it burn itself out. Igo said emergency

workers would not venture into the plant site until at least eight hours after explosions stopped. All of the employees inside the plant escaped after the fire broke out and before the first explosion, Igo said. (AP)

2 Killed, 3 Wounded in Vermont Shootings

Man shoots 5 in spree at school, homes before turning gun on himself

ESSEX, VERMONT. | A gunman shot five people Thursday, killing two of them, in a rampage through two houses and an elementary school that ended when he wounded himself, police said.

One of the slayings occurred at the school, which was not in session. Police Chief David Demag said he could not confirm earlier reports that the victim was a teacher preparing for the start of classes next week. Demag said the shooter and the other three wounded people were taken to a hospital, but their conditions were not immediately known. The chief said he could not provide the shooter's identity, or a motive other than that the shootings appeared to stem from a domestic dispute.

Demag said one person was killed



A policeman escorts an unidentified woman and child from the school.

in the first shooting, which occurred at a home. The shooter then went to the school, where he fatally shot one person and wounded two others, Demag said.

The shooter then went to a second home where he wounded a person before turning the gun on himself, the chief said. WILSON RING (AP)

Democrats Cite No-Bid Katrina Repair Contracts

WASHINGTON | The government awarded 70 percent of its contracts for Hurricane Katrina work without full competition, wasting hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars in the process, says a House study released Thursday by Democrats.

The report, a comprehensive overview of government audits on Katrina contracting, found that out of \$10.6 billion in contracts awarded after the storm last year, more than \$7.4 billion were handed out with limited or no competitive bidding. It cited numerous instances of double-billing by contractors and cases of trailers meant as emergency housing sitting empty in Arkansas.

Aaron Walker, a national spokesman for the Homeland Security Department's Federal Emergency Management Agency, the primary agency for awarding hurricane contracts, said FEMA was already working to improve its contracting process. (AP)

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Army Reviewing Casualty Reports

Look into war deaths comes in response to accuracy complaints

SAN FRANCISCO | The Army has opened a re-examination of casualty reports on American soldiers killed in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere since 2001, a response to complaints that it has not always given families accurate information.

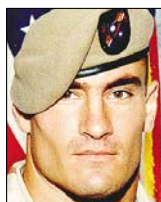
The review covers hundreds of casualties in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom — the campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq, two senior military officials said. It also includes American soldiers killed in neighboring countries in support of the two operations.

In coming weeks, the Army will issue a directive formalizing the review, according to two military officials. One spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity because officers at the highest levels of the Army are still making minor changes. The other described the initiative in memos obtained by The Associated Press.

The step follows high-profile mistakes in telling families the circum-

stances of soldiers' deaths.

The best-known is that of Cpl. Pat Tillman, the one-time NFL star who quit football to join the U.S. Army Rangers and was killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan in April 2004. Tillman's family was originally told he had been killed by enemy fire.



Tillman

Five weeks later, Tillman's family learned the truth: He was fatally shot by fellow Rangers after an ambush.

Two months after Tillman died, Lt. Andre Tyson and Spc. Patrick McCaffrey, two California National Guardsmen, were killed by the Iraqi civil-defense soldiers whom they were training. The Army initially told the families the two men were killed in a conventional ambush. Two years later, their survivors learned they were slain.

The Army is not reopening investigations of the deaths of all soldiers killed in action, but it is revisiting them to ensure family members were informed of the Army's most accurate and updated findings.

SCOTT LINDLAW (AP)

NEW YORK | CLOSED LOTUS, PERCHING DRAGONFLY



LANDING BUD: A dragonfly settles on the tip of a lotus flower on Thursday at the New York Botanical Gardens in the Bronx. The predatory insects are mostly found near freshwater ponds.

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FILL 'ER UP: A study finds that drinking three or more cups of tea a day is as good for you as drinking lots of water and may offer health benefits, the BBC reports. The work in the European Journal of Clinical Nutrition refutes the belief that tea is dehydrating.

In Brief

HAARLEM, NETHERLANDS

Police Release 12 Men Arrested After Jet Diverted

Prosecutors said Thursday they found no evidence of a terrorist threat aboard a Northwest Airlines flight to India that returned to Amsterdam, and they are releasing all 12 passengers arrested after the emergency landing. The men, all Indian nationals, had aroused suspicions on the flight to Bombay because they had a large number of cell phones, laptops and hard drives, and refused to follow the crew's instructions, prosecutors said. (AP)



Medical students try to take cover from water canons at a protest in New Delhi.

NEW DELHI

Doctors Rally Against Affirmative Action Proposal

Police used water canons Thursday to disperse hundreds of doctors protesting a government affirmative action plan for India's lower castes in state-funded medical, engineering and other professional colleges. Apart from the protest outside India's Supreme Court, many doctors in New Delhi and other cities took the day off to show their anger about the plan, which would reserve 27 percent of school seats for lower castes, officials said. (AP)

LONDON

Another Suspect Charged In Alleged Airline Terror Plot

British police said Thursday that another suspect was charged in the alleged plot to down U.S. airliners over the Atlantic with makeshift explosives. Umair Hussain, 24, was charged with having information about a possible terrorist act and not disclosing it, Scotland Yard said. (AP)

Pluto Loses Its Planetary Status

Astronomers decide on downgrade amid new galactic guidelines

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC | Pluto, beloved by some as a cosmic underdog but scorned by astronomers who considered it too dinky and distant, was unceremoniously stripped of its status as a planet Thursday.

The International Astronomical Union, dramatically reversing course just a week after floating the idea of reaffirming Pluto's planethood and adding three new planets to Earth's neighborhood, downgraded the ninth rock from the sun in historic new galactic guidelines.

The shift will have the world's teachers scrambling to alter lesson plans just as schools open for the fall term.

Powerful new telescopes, experts said, are changing the way they size up the mysteries of the solar system and beyond. But the scientists at the conference showed a soft side, waving plush toys of the Walt Disney character Pluto the dog.

Pluto, a planet since 1930, got the boot because it didn't meet the new rules, which say a planet not only must orbit the sun and be large enough to assume a nearly round



MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE: Astronomers vote on new guidelines governing how a planet is defined in Prague on Thursday.

shape, but must "clear the neighborhood around its orbit." That disqualifies Pluto, whose oblong orbit overlaps Neptune's, downsizing the solar system to eight planets from the traditional nine.

Astronomers have labored without a universal definition of a planet since well before the time of Copernicus, who proved that the Earth revolves around the sun, and the experts burst into applause when the guidelines were passed.

A Bitter Breakup

→ The astronomers' fight over Pluto's status in Prague became a vicious battle that ultimately broke down along scientific, linguistic and historical lines. | **Today, AI**

The Washington Post

The decision by the IAU, the official arbiter of heavenly objects, restricts membership in the elite cosmic club to the eight classical planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth,

Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

"The word 'planet' and the idea of planets can be emotional because they're something we learn as children," said Richard Binzel, a professor of planetary science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who helped hammer out the new definition.

"Science has marched on. ... Many more Plutos wait to be discovered," he said. **WILLIAM J. KOLE (AP)**

Long-Missing Austrian Girl Is Found

Kidnapped woman allegedly held captive in a cellar for 8 years

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | An 18-year-old woman who was kidnapped eight years ago and held captive in a cellar managed to escape, and her alleged abductor committed suicide by jumping in front of a train, authorities said Thursday.

Natascha Kampusch was found in a yard in a residential area northeast of Vienna on Wednesday afternoon. She was identified by a scar on one of her arms from a childhood operation, authorities said, ending one of Austria's biggest police mysteries. She had disap-



Natascha Kampusch, seen here at age 10, disappeared while walking to school.

peared while walking to school as a 10-year-old.

The man alleged to be her kidnapper has been identified by Austrian media as 44-year-old Wolfgang Priklöpil. A DNA analysis

was under way to confirm his identity, Austrian television reported.

Armin Halm, spokesman for Austria's federal police, said the woman told investigators her name was Natascha Kampusch and said she was kidnapped and kept for years in a cellar under a garage in a house in Strasshof, just outside Vienna, police said.

Kampusch vanished in Vienna on her way to school on March 2, 1998, triggering a massive search that extended into Hungary.

Investigators said the woman had been examined by a doctor and that she did not have signs of injuries. But police are investigating whether she was beaten or sexually abused. **VERONIKA OLEKSYN (AP)**

U.S.: Progress Made in Curbing Baghdad Violence

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | America's two top generals in the Middle East said Thursday a security operation in Baghdad was helping curb violence after a surge of bombings and shootings there in recent months.

But the bloodshed persisted with three car bombs in Baghdad and a series of attacks across the country killing at least 16 Iraqis and two U.S. soldiers on Thursday.

"I believe there is a danger of civil war in Iraq, but only a danger," Gen. John Abizaid, the top U.S. commander in the Middle East, said after meeting with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani. (AP)



BURIED BOUNTY: An Australian demolition worker uncovered \$15,200 worth of silver bullion bars buried beneath a house, officials report. The silver was given to police, who will try to find its owner.

World

France Boosts Troop Offer

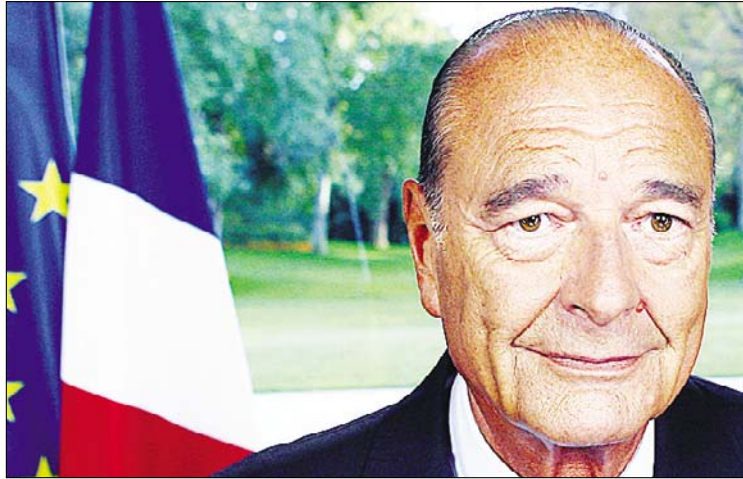
Chirac says country to send 2,000 soldiers for force in Lebanon

PARIS | President Jacques Chirac announced Thursday that France will send 2,000 soldiers to southern Lebanon and hopes to retain command of the U.N. peacekeeping force, as a top European Union official said international troops could start deploying within days.

The offer by France, Lebanon's former colonial ruler and key architect of a U.N. Security Council resolution to increase the force's size, was a major step toward expanding it more than a week after a cease-fire took hold.

It also represented a turnaround for Paris, which drew criticism last week after announcing it would only double its current 200-troop contingent. France's role as mission commander then came under pressure, with Italy expressing a willingness to take the lead role and pledging up to 3,000 troops.

Finnish Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja, whose country holds the



TURNAROUND: French President Jacques Chirac, in a televised speech, said he received better guarantees about rules governing the U.N. peacekeeping force.

rotating European Union presidency, said he wants to see the first reinforcements arrive within a week if possible.

In a televised address broadcast across Europe and the Mideast, Chirac said he made the decision after receiving guarantees allowing the force "free movement and its ability to act when faced with a possible hostile situation."

France, along with the United

States, helped craft the U.N. Security Council resolution that called for the expansion of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, or UNIFIL, from the current 2,000 troops to 15,000. They are to join an equal number of Lebanese troops in preserving the shaky cease-fire by making sure Hezbollah does not fire any more rockets or carry out more raids into Israel. JAMEY KEATEN (AP)

Nations May Reject Iran's Nuke Response

Tehran's refusal to halt enrichment still key obstacle, sources say

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | Germany said Thursday that Iran's response to a package of incentives to halt its nuclear program was unsatisfactory because of its refusal to freeze uranium enrichment, and diplomats suggested Tehran now faces a greater risk of U.N. sanctions.

Two senior diplomats who were briefed on the Iranian response told The Associated Press that world powers would likely reject it.

The U.N. Security Council has set a deadline of next Thursday for Iran to freeze enrichment — a possible pathway to nuclear arms — and the six nations offering to talk to

Iran say such a step must precede the start of any discussions.

But the diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the 25-page document does not directly suggest an enrichment moratorium even after negotiations start.

One of the diplomats told AP that the lack of Iranian flexibility on enrichment would likely leave even Russia and China no choice but to ultimately endorse U.N. sanctions against Iran. Moscow and Beijing previously have steadily put the brakes on U.S.-backed efforts to punish Tehran quickly but have stipulated that Iran must freeze enrichment.

Iran maintains it has offered "positive and clear signals" to resolve the dispute over its nuclear program. GEORGE JAHN (AP)

Blind Chinese Activist Receives Prison Sentence

BEIJING | A blind activist who was arrested after recording complaints of forced abortions was sentenced Thursday to four years and three months in prison on what his supporters called phony charges, a defense lawyer said.

Chen Guangcheng was convicted of damaging property and "organizing a mob to disturb traffic" after a trial in the eastern province of Shandong, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

Chen's supporters said officials fabricated the charges against him in retaliation for his activism.

Chen was put on trial last week without his lawyers present after police detained three members of the defense team on theft charges and refused to let them see evidence against him. (AP)

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World**Sudan Rejects
Darfur Troop Plan****Lawmakers object to
U.N. peacekeepers; aid
groups warn of crisis**

KHARTOUM, SUDAN | Sudan's ruling party has capped months of vitriol by its leader toward the international community over peacekeeping proposals for Darfur by rejecting a U.S.-British draft Security Council resolution.

Its refusal came as the United Nations and aid groups warn of a deepening humanitarian crisis as violence continues to mount since a peace deal was signed in May.

Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir has repeatedly criticized plans for a U.N. force to replace African Union peacekeepers. His ire peaked this summer when he blamed "Jewish organizations" for the drive to dispatch international troops to the war-torn area of Western Sudan.

Al-Bashir's National Congress Party lashed out at the latest Western efforts after it met Wednesday night.

"The draft resolution is worse than the previous ones because it

constitutes an attempt to impose complete guardianship on the Sudan," lawmaker Ghazi Salah Eldin Atabani said after the meeting. He said any council member who supported the draft would be considered an enemy of Sudan.

Poorly equipped and funded A.U. troops, whose mandate expires Sept. 30, have failed to bring security to the area, which has seen more than 200,000 people killed since February 2003.

International aid workers and U.N. humanitarian officials say the violence has actually increased since May, when the government and rebel groups signed the Darfur Peace Agreement, prompting the United States to urge that international troops be in place by Oct. 1.

Meanwhile, more than 200 women have been raped in Kalma refugee camp — one of Darfur's largest — over the past five weeks alone, the International Rescue Committee aid organization said Wednesday. The group contends that more than 50,000 people have been made refugees in recent weeks, joining some 2 million people previously displaced by the conflict. (AP)

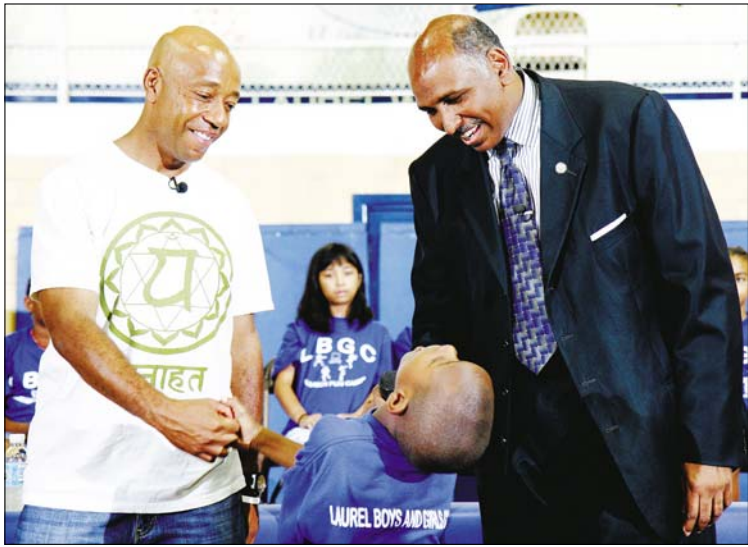
KENYA | OBAMA'S HOMECOMING

FAVORITE SON: Men in Kisumu, Kenya, check out shirts celebrating the visit of U.S. Sen. Barack Obama to the country on Thursday. Obama — the son of a Kenyan goat herder who went on to study at Harvard — will take a public HIV test this weekend at a clinic in an effort to promote the need for safe sex in a country where an average of 700 people die per day from HIV/AIDS.



INTERCHANGE CHANGE: The final major bridge of the Springfield Interchange is now open. The ramp connects I-95 North to the Beltway's Inner Loop, allowing drivers headed to Tysons Corner, Va., to leave the highway a half-mile earlier.

Local



Russell Simmons, left, and Lt. Gov. Michael S. Steele, vying for a Maryland Senate seat, greet Seth Ragin, 6, at the Laurel Boys & Girls Club in Laurel, Md., on Thursday.

Steele Is Endorsed by Rap Label Co-Founder

Senate hopeful joined by Russell Simmons at 2 campaign events

BALTIMORE | Lt. Gov. Michael Steele is old hand at having political stars of the GOP back his bid for the U.S. Senate. On Thursday, entertainment celebrities joined the campaign, too.

Def Jam Records co-founder Russell Simmons joined Steele, a black Republican, at a back-to-school rally Thursday afternoon for children at the Laurel Boys & Girls Club. Later, he headlined a fundraiser for the Senate hopeful in Baltimore along with Radio One founder Cathy Hughes.

Steele introduced the entrepreneur as "my buddy Russell Simmons" to several dozen school children,

most of them black. Steele said he became friends with Simmons two and a half years ago because the two share interests in minority entrepreneurship and housing.

"We want to make sure you have the strongest foundation to stand on," Steele said.

Simmons, the creator of HBO's "Def Comedy Jam" and the Phat clothing line, hugged the lieutenant governor and told the children to "take school seriously."

"I just came to remind you you already have every blessing you'll ever need," said Simmons, wearing a white T-shirt and jeans.

"To be happy is only your own choice. To be successful in the world is your only choice." (AP)

Back in black: Steele hopes endorsements give him credibility with black voters. *Today's Post, Metro*

EPA Fines District Because of Tests

WASHINGTON | The Environmental Protection Agency has fined the district Water and Sewer Authority \$27,500 for improperly testing last year drinking water for lead, which was required under a 2004 order.

Under a program designed to eliminate excessive levels of lead in city water, WASA was required to test water from homes with lead pipes, which have the highest risk

for water contamination.

But of the 103 water samples submitted between July and December 2005, the water utility included 12 tests from homes with a low risk for lead, the EPA said Wednesday.

The improper tests delayed the EPA's ability to validate that the city's drinking water had been within the federal limits on lead for a full year, the agency said. (AP)

New Conviction in Bribes

High-ranking Prince George's official guilty of taking firm's money

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | A second former high-ranking Prince George's County official has been convicted on charges stemming from a scheme to obtain bribes from a security company seeking a county contract.

Circuit Court jurors on Wednesday convicted Robert L. Thomas, 63, of bribery and conspiracy to commit bribery. Each

of the two misdemeanor charges carries a maximum sentence of 12 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Thomas was acquitted of conspiracy to commit theft.

Thomas worked as deputy director of the county's Department of Central Services from December 2003 to April 2005. He also was acting inspector general for the District of Columbia in 1997 and worked as a criminal investigator for the Internal Revenue Service.

In September, Robert L. Isom, former deputy director of the coun-

ty's Department of Environmental Resources, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bribery.

Isom testified against Thomas, saying that Thomas directed the scheme to take \$250,000 from the company Interior Systems. Prosecutors said the bribery took place between Sept. 29, 2004 and Feb. 11, 2005.

Isom is expected to be sentenced to a year in prison as part of his plea agreement.

Last month, a third man charged in the scheme was acquitted. (AP)

Va. Center Gives Loans to Victims

ARLINGTON, VA. | The U.S. Small Business Administration has opened a second disaster-loan assistance center in Northern Virginia to assist recent flood victims.

Residents and businesses can apply for low-interest loans to help repair or rebuild structures destroyed by flooding and mudslides.

The center is located in the Arlington Parks and Recreation Building on South Four Mile Run Drive. It's open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, August 24

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-5-2
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	4-2-5
Mid-day DC 4	8-4-8-8
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	9-0-7-6
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	1-4-6-10-20
Daily 6 (Wed.)	2-9-14-22-25-28 (10)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	5-12-18-23-28 (10)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	8-6-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-5-7
Mid-day Pick 4	2-0-7-5
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-1-9-3

Match 5 (Wed.)	10-11-14-24-38 (27)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	6-13-17-27-35-41

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	6-3-9
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-0-7
Mid-day Pick 4	0-0-8-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-0-4-8
Mid-day Cash 5	9-16-25-26-34
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	4-8-9-26-31
Win For Life (Wed.)	4-5-8-13-19-27 (14)

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Money

Apple Joins Battery Recall

1.8M Sony-built laptop battery packs at risk of overheating

SAN FRANCISCO | Apple Computer Inc. on Thursday recalled 1.8 million Sony-built notebook batteries that could overheat and catch fire, just 10 days after Dell Inc.'s record-setting recall involving the same problem and the same supplier.

Apple said it has received nine reports of lithium-ion battery packs overheating, including two cases in which users suffered minor burns. There have been instances of minor property damage, Apple said.

Apple's announcement comes 10 days after Dell Inc.'s recall of 4.1 million faulty laptop batteries — the largest involving electronics



JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

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in the history of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Both companies' batteries were made by Sony Energy Devices Corp. of Japan. In a statement, Sony said the problems arise "on rare occasions" when microscopic metal particles in the recalled battery cells hit

other parts of the cell and lead to a short circuit.

Both recalls are expected to cost Sony between \$172 million and \$278 million.

The latest recall covers 1.1 million rechargeable batteries in the 12-inch iBook G4, 12-inch MacBook G4 and 15-inch MacBook G4 laptops sold in the U.S. from October 2003 through August 2006. It does not affect Apple's Intel Corp.-based models.

Apple notebook owners were told to stop using the batteries and to remove them from their laptops. The machines can continue to be used as long as they're plugged into an AC power source. RACHEL KONRAD (AP)

❖ **Power down:** For full recall details, go to <http://support.apple.com/batteryprogram>

No Criminal Charges for Fannie Mae

WASHINGTON | Fannie Mae, the government-sponsored mortgage lending giant, will not face criminal charges over its multibillion-dollar accounting irregularities, the U.S. attorney's office said Thursday after two years of investigation.

"We have informed them that we are declining all charges against the company," said Channing Phillips,

spokesman for U.S. attorney Kenneth Wainstein.

In May, the company was fined a record \$400 million in a civil settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight over accounting problems and what regulators said was earnings manipulation by

the company. A report issued by OFHEO said Fannie Mae employees manipulated accounting to hit quarterly earnings targets so that senior executives could pocket millions in bonuses from 1998 to 2004.

While it has reached a settlement with the company, the SEC still could bring civil actions against individual executives, with the burden of proof less stringent than in criminal prosecutions. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Katylnd h	2.30	+0.25	+12.2
GoodrPet	33.44	+2.61	+8.5
ScottishRe	8.11	+0.50	+6.6
PennT rslf	7.15	+0.41	+6.1
Starret	14.10	+0.80	+6.0

Losers

Chicos	17.95	-6.13	-25.5
SeaCntA lf	2.59	-0.33	-11.3
Sothebys	28.39	-2.70	-8.7
Guess	44.90	-4.20	-8.6
WmsSon	29.89	-2.71	-8.3

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Forward	5.40	+1.21	+28.9
EscalaGrp	6.14	+0.92	+17.6
Glenayre	2.75	+0.39	+16.5
Tarragn lf	10.78	+1.52	+16.4
lmai n	4.02	-0.08	-2.0

Losers

PemcoAvi	8.11	-1.39	-14.6
NyerMd	2.80	-0.40	-12.5
EduDv	6.24	-0.71	-10.3
HandhEnt n	2.87	-0.32	-10.0
VocalTec n	3.30	-0.35	-9.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.1875
3-month disc	4.96	4.96
2-year	4.88	4.90
10-year	4.80	4.87
30-year	4.94	5.00

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5298	.5282	.5556
Canadian Dollar	1.1104	1.1124	1.1914
European Euro	.7838	.7816	.8153
Japanese Yen	116.47	116.30	110.09
Mexican Peso	10.9185	10.8940	10.8710
Taiwanese Dollar	32.84	32.74	32.24

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+6.56	+2.45	+3.07
+0.06	+0.11	+0.24
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STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	48.82	-0.18	+23.8
Allergan	114.33	+2.18	+5.9
AstraZen	63.02	-0.10	+29.7
BarrPhm	57.77	-0.20	-7.3
BrMySq	21.64	+0.01	-5.8
ForestLab	49.03	-0.01	+20.5
Hospira	35.73	-0.04	-16.5
IvaxCorp	25.98	...	-17.1
JohnJn	65.00	+1.09	+8.2
LillyEli	55.24	+0.19	-2.4
Merck	40.06	-0.40	+25.9
Pfizer	27.24	+0.10	+16.8
SchergPl	19.97	-0.04	-4.2
Sepracor	45.76	-0.20	-11.3
Wyeth	47.87	+0.25	+3.9

Head in The Clouds

British author aims to prove there's a silver lining in dark skies

Clouds are almost never good things. There are clouds of suspicion, clouds of anger, clouds on the horizon, cloudy judgments. Clouds loom, darken, threaten, menace. Clouds get in the way of our tan. Oh, we do not like clouds.

If ever a feature of nature was ripe for a PR makeover, clouds are it.

Enter Gavin Pretor-Pinney, a deliciously wry writer whose book, "The Cloudspotter's Guide" (Perigee, \$19.95), just may rescue clouds from ignominy — or at least get us to look up as they slip by, ever-changing, right over our very noses. Published earlier this year in the United Kingdom and just this summer in the United States, the 38-year-old Englishman's treatise has been a surprise hit — at least in Great Britain, where it rests comfortably among the top-10 non-fiction titles there.

Delving deep into cloud science, but also the lore, literature, art, history and even religion associated with them, Pretor-Pinney

provides a thoroughly readable narrative about these wonderful "expressions of the atmosphere's moods that can be read like those of a person's countenance."

For Pretor-Pinney, it all started as a bit of a lark. A friend who knew of his peculiar fascination asked him to talk on the subject at a literary festival. Fearing that no one would show up, he declared the talk "the inaugural lecture of the Cloud Appreciation Society." It was a burst of meteorological genius that helped fill the room for the lecture. Not only did people show up, but they wanted to join the society — a society that, oh, right, didn't actually exist.

Amazed by the response, Pretor-Pinney wasted little time creating a real Cloud Appreciation Society (cloudappreciationsociety.org), in which the only requirements for membership are about \$6 and a shared desire to "fight the sun fascists and their obsessions with 'blue-sky thinking.'" The online society has made a global village of out-of-the-closet cloud lovers from 40 countries. So far, more than 5,000 members have signed up.

Soon, new members were con-



SKY HIGH: Clouds dot this sunset in Mozambique. A new book out of Britain has awakened a new generation of cloud lovers.

tacting Pretor-Pinney asking him to recommend books on clouds. Finding only coffee table books or rigorous scientific journals, he decided to write his own. After 28 publishers rejected his book proposal, one finally took the bait.

Aside from simply appreciating clouds, Pretor-Pinney wants us to understand them. He wants us to know, for instance, that a mature, full-size cumulonimbus cloud is estimated to contain the energy equivalent of 10 Hiroshima-sized bombs. And that there is growing evidence that jet contrails, "the bastard son of the cloud family," are having a significant warming effect on ground temperatures.

Wouldn't you know it? There are even studies showing that face time with the sky and clouds really can make us feel better. "There's actually a lot of work on the effects of nature on physical, emotional and social well-being," says Dr. Nancy Etcoff, a psychologist and director of the Program in Aesthetics and Well-Being at Harvard University.

Perhaps the most appealing thing to Pretor-Pinney about clouds, though, is their inherently democratic nature. "The great thing about clouds is that everyone has something to say about them because everyone has a perspective on them, literally," he says.

JOE HEIM (THE WASHINGTON POST)

ALSO THIS SUNDAY



Blondes' Ambitions

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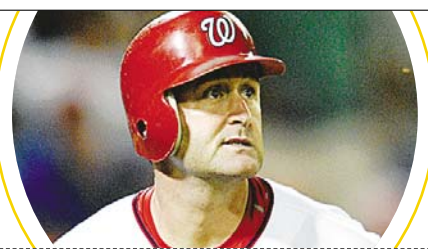
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**NATIONALS**

What About Brian? The Nats' star catcher, Brian Schneider, is trying to shed a slump that has made him not much of a star this season | **15**

Sports Weekend

Before the Snap

Considering Gibbs' success, how important are preseason wins?

REDSKINS | It's been ugly, but at least it doesn't count.

Injuries coupled with a pair of preseason losses have made Redskins futures plummet in the eyes of worried fans. But before you start cutting eyeholes in those paper bags, there's something you should know: Joe Gibbs' teams are historically average in exhibition play.

The man who wins at every sport he tries takes a humble 33-28 preseason record into Saturday's contest at New England (which is 11-5 against Washington in the pre-season, but a paltry 1-6 against the 'Skins in the regular season).

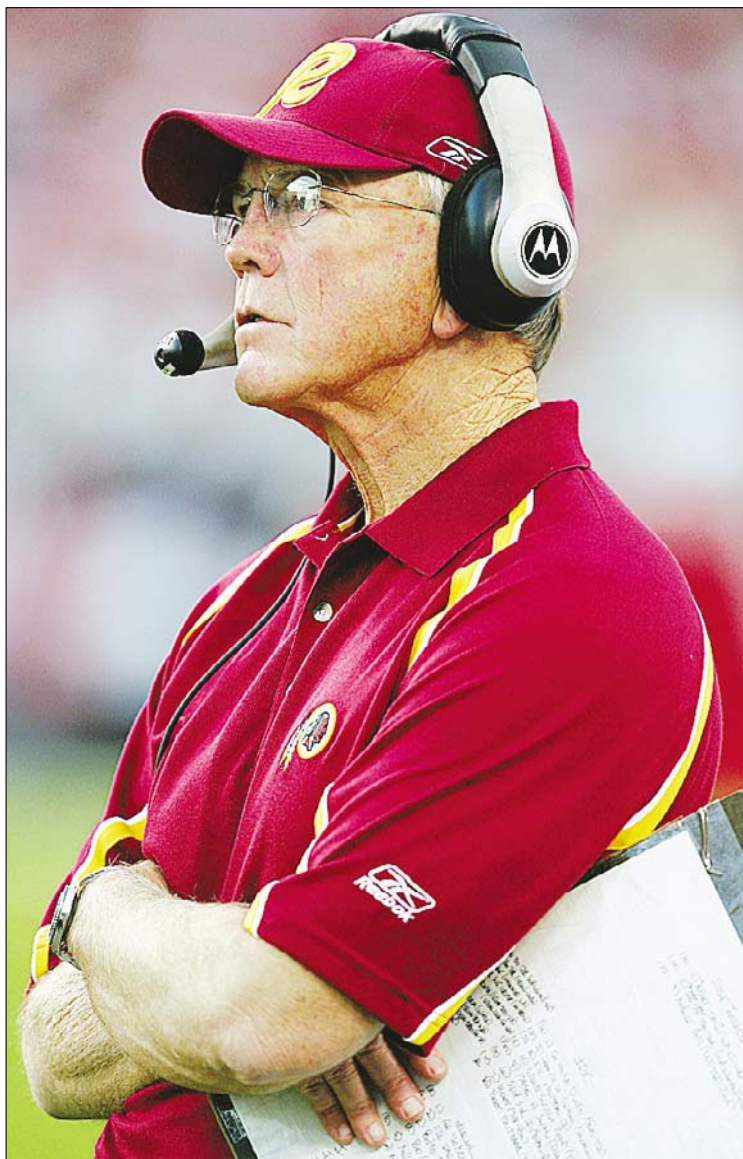
Gibbs' exhibition record gets even worse in years Washington makes the Super Bowl (6-10). The 'Skins were 0-4 before winning it all in 1982. They went 1-3 before Gibbs' third title in 1991.

But those numbers go against recent trends. A little research reveals nine of the last 10 Super Bowl champions had a .500 record or better in the preseason leading into their title run (the exception being New England in 2004).

The Super Bowl champions' combined exhibition winning percentage of .707 since 1996 suggests there may be something to preseason cohesion — even if it is, in fact, your practice squad deciding the outcome in the second half.

Not that the Redskins are buying into that formula.

"We all like to win and we all like to score, but some things are more important [in the pre-season]," Redskins associate head



GRADING GIBBS: Coach Joe Gibbs has traditionally been mediocre (33-28) during the preseason. So how much does his 0-2 record this preseason really matter?

coach offensive for offense Al Saunders said.

Washington's new offensive



guru emphasized that exhibition games are a chance to see what players can do individually and develop a regular-season scheme from there.

Offensive starters have played sparingly in Washington's two preseason losses. Gibbs was tight-

lipped about how much time they'll get this week, but a few additional series can be expected, since the third preseason game is often viewed as a dress rehearsal for the real thing.

"Right now, it's hard to [assess the offense] because you've got guys who are in there for a short period of

3 BURNING QUESTIONS:

→ **Backed up?** With the acquisition of running back T.J. Duckett, the Redskins backup backfield tandem of Ladell Betts and Rock Cartwright may have to fight even harder for playing time on offense. Both are integral special-teams performers.

→ **Turnover omen?** The Redskins are minus-6 in turnover margin through two preseason games. It'd be nice to hold onto the ball this week, especially if the starters get more playing time.

→ **Feeling the flow?** Sure, the Redskins are holding back their offensive tricks for the regular season, but everyone is still waiting to see some sense of rhythm from the unit.

time," receiver Santana Moss said. "It's kind of good that it happened to us because we could be like, 'OK, we've got this thing all wrapped up ...' Now we know it ain't going to be that easy."

While they're still optimistic about their chances, the players realize how the first two losses looked.

"Our pride is on the line [against New England]," defensive end Renaldo Wynn said. "I think everyone has a bad taste in their mouth, especially [with] what happened last week."

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TV Lineup



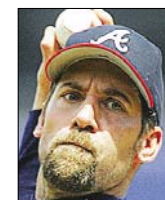
Tiger Woods has been on a roll as of late, winning three straight tourneys.

→ **POUNCING TIGER:** Everyone likes to see Tiger Woods dominate — except for the guys who are playing against him. He's already won three in a row and is going for his fourth on a course he's already won at four times. Play at Firestone continues on Friday (2 p.m. on ESPN), Saturday (2 p.m. on CBS) and Sunday (2:30 p.m. on CBS).

→ HOME WITH THE BRAVES:

After a tough road trip that included five losses in the last five games, the Nationals return

home for a series with the Atlanta Braves on Friday (7:30 p.m. on Ch. 20), Saturday (1:20 p.m. on FOX) and Sunday (1 p.m. on MASN).



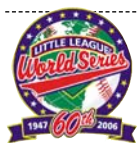
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→ BOTTOM OF THE BARREL:

The bottom of the AL battle it out when the Devil Rays and Orioles play in Baltimore on Friday (7 p.m. on Comcast), Saturday (4:30 p.m. on MASN) and Sunday (1:30 p.m. on MASN).

→ WE'RE READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL:

And because it's August, there's always plenty of pre-season football. In addition to the Redskins game, the Steelers play at Philadelphia on Friday (8 p.m. on ESPN) and Tampa Bay goes to Jacksonville to play the Jaguars on Saturday (8 p.m. on CBS).



LITTLE LEAGUE | Columbus Black Sox? Parents of an Ahwatukee, Ariz., Little League team screamed at 12-year-olds on a team from Columbus, Ga., and even walked into the team's dugout during the game to chastise the manager because of suspicion that they were throwing a game to keep Ahwatukee from advancing to the next round of the Little League World Series, the East Valley (Ariz.) Tribune reported. The parents were furious, claiming Columbus was throwing the game on purpose so they wouldn't face Ahwatukee in later rounds. Columbus lost the game 2-0. (EXPRESS)

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LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP: Landon Donovan, right, will lead his L.A. Galaxy into D.C. on Saturday for another rivalry game. D.C. is 13-14-4 all-time against L.A.

Distant Rivals Battle at RFK

A rivalry between D.C. and L.A. formed from many big-time games

UNITED | For 11 years, Major League Soccer has revolved around a Washington-Los Angeles axis.

The league's two most accomplished clubs have produced more than their fair share of championships, memorable matchups, personalities and story lines, forging a real rivalry despite the distance between them. If there were such a thing as "Monday Night Futbol," D.C. United-Los Angeles Galaxy would be a fixture.

The league's most recent champions meet again Saturday at RFK Stadium in a game that should be just the thing to shake United (13-2-8) from its August doldrums. D.C. is winless in its past four league games, but an expected crowd of more than 20,000 and another opportunity to prove itself against its West Coast rival — against whom United has a 13-14-4 all-time record — should do the trick.

"I really hope so," United's Ben Olsen said. "The season drags, but this is a good game. It's a new look. It's not New York or New England."

The history between the teams

goes back to the inaugural MLS Cup final, when United recovered from a 2-0 second-half deficit to force overtime in the pouring rain in Foxborough, Mass. D.C. won the first of its four titles on Eddie Pope's header in overtime and defeated L.A. again in the title tilt in 1999.

But the Galaxy returned the favor in continental competition, knocking United out twice in the semifinals of the CONCACAF Champions Cup. They traded dramatic road victories last year and tied, 1-1, in California in June.

"When you play big games against teams, it creates a rivalry," Olsen said.

MLS launched with Latin American stars like United's Marco Etcheverry and L.A.'s Mauricio Cienfuegos. It now markets young American players like Freddy Adu (who's injured foot should be fine Saturday) and the Galaxy's Landon Donovan. With six MLS Cups and two continental titles between them, D.C. and L.A. have come to symbolize American pro soccer.

"You can even take it as far back as UVa.-UCLA," Olsen said, remembering the schools' clashes in the 1990s. "There's real history, and it's always a fun game. There's always something going on."

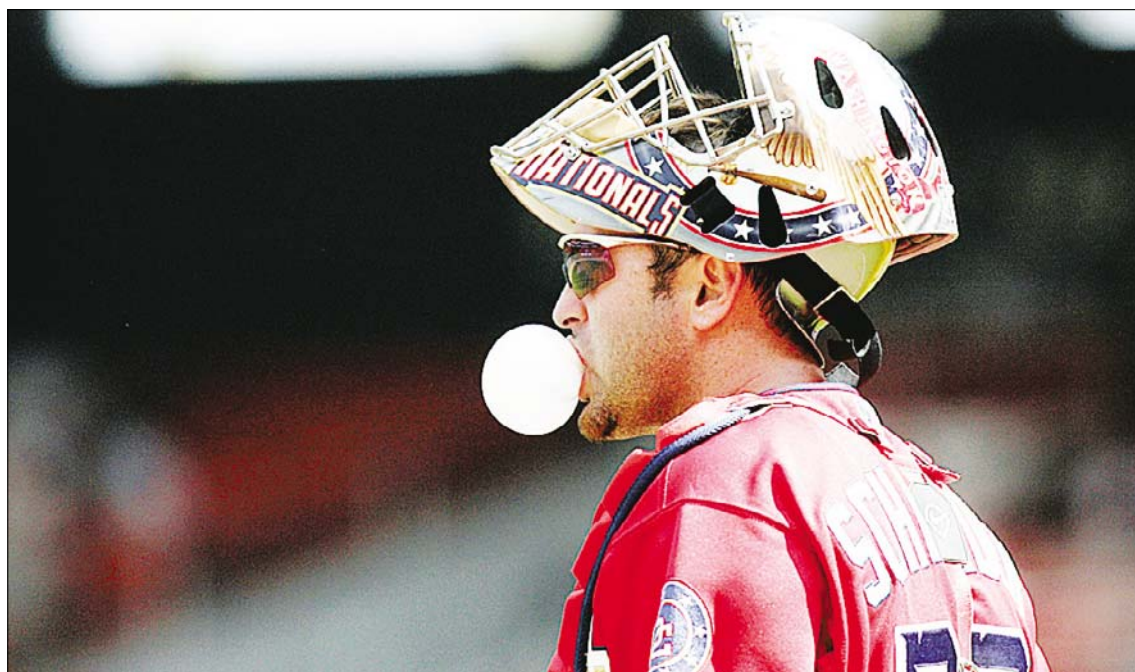
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Brian Schneider has had a down year this year — throwing out 29 percent of runners — but he's turned things around in August.

Tough Life of Brian

The year after signing a rich, 4-year contract, Schneider is struggling

NATIONALS | Like the poor fellow who steps on a crack while walking under a ladder only to look up and see a black cat darting across his path, nothing has seemed to go right for Nationals catcher Brian Schneider this season.

All the frustration boiled to the surface earlier this month when Schneider, after a particularly tough game, unleashed a string of profanities in front of a gathering of reporters. It was surprising only because it's not his style.

"It's been frustrating," Schneider said days later.

For five months, even as his batting average hovered somewhere beneath mediocrity and he struggled to throw out base stealers, Schneider has otherwise said and done all the right things.

Over the winter, the Nationals rewarded Schneider for his .268 batting average and for throwing out 40 percent of opposing base stealers — he threw out 50 percent in 2004 — with a four-year, \$16 million contract. This year, he's thrown out just 29 percent of opposing base stealers and is hitting just .241.

"I was starting to feel real good," he said. "I'd get a couple hits and

then I'd go two or three games without. And the ground I'd made up would be gone."

Manager Frank Robinson has expressed bewilderment at Schneider's struggles at the plate.

But the month of August has seen Schneider's average on the rise. In recent weeks, Schneider has been working with hitting coach Mitchell Paige in an effort to avoid the trap of becoming a dead pull hitter. Since Aug. 1, he's raised his average 16 points.

"I think he's having a little bit better approach, a little bit better plan," Robinson said. "Maybe he's starting to come around a little bit."

DEREK TURNER

Rookie Is Calling the Shots

Hamlin seemed cocky after comments, but now he just seems right

AUTO RACING | There were some snide muttered comments and knowing head shakes as soon-to-be rookie-of-the-year candidate Denny Hamlin answered questions in January during a media tour of Joe Gibbs Racing.

The 25-year-old Hamlin, who

won a pole and had three top-10 finishes in a seven-race NASCAR Nextel Cup warm-up last fall, was showing a little too much confidence for some of the veterans.

"I don't see why we can't win a race," Hamlin said. "Realistically, we're looking to pick up about five top-five fin-



Hamlin

ishes and finish in the top 10 most of the other times."

Well, here it is nearing the end of August and Hamlin is having just the kind of season the youngster envisioned.

He goes to Bristol for Saturday night's key event in eighth, 39 points ahead of 10th-place Dale Earnhardt Jr. and 88 in front of 11th-place Kasey Kahne. But Hamlin also is only 48 points behind fifth-place Tony Stewart. MIKE HARRIS (AP)

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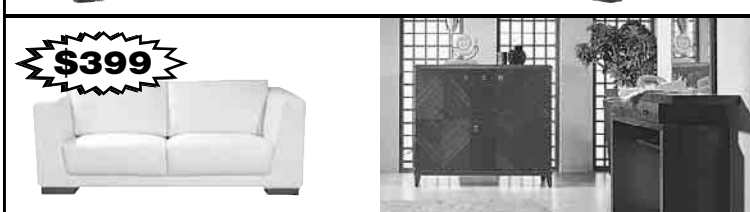
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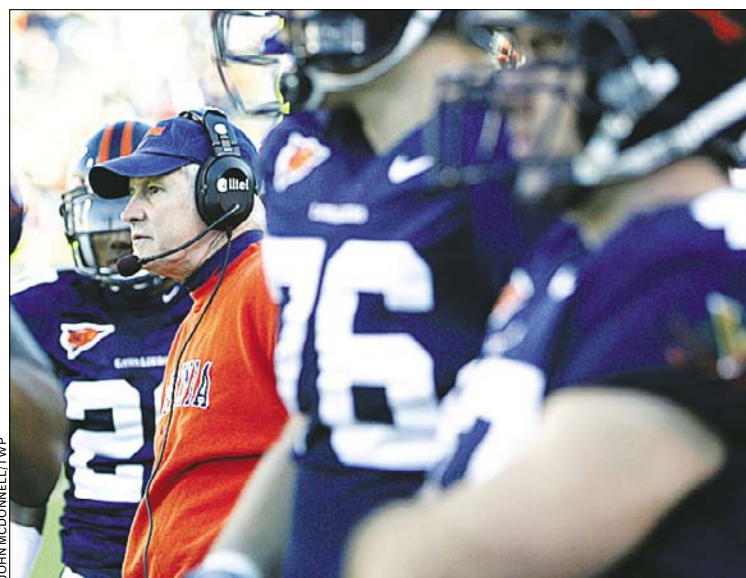


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Weekend Sports



STANDING OUT: Virginia coach Al Groh, second from left, doesn't believe in a rebuilding year. But he's going to be surrounded by a lot of new bodies this year.

A Lot of New Faces at UVa

Football team has to deal with loss of more than its share of stars

CAVS FOOTBALL | The quarterback is new at Virginia, and so are the offensive and defensive coordinators. But coach Al Groh bristles at the notion that the Cavaliers are rebuilding.

"That is either something that I don't think you ever do, or it's something that you do every year," Groh said. "It's not a once-in-a-while thing."

Groh is entering his sixth season in Charlottesville — he's 37-26 — and for the second consecutive season will need to replace several longtime contributors:

Quarterback Marques Hagans started for the past two seasons.

Left tackle D'Brickashaw

Ferguson, the No. 4 overall pick in this year's NFL Draft, and defensive end Brennan Schmidt both started for four years.

Tailback Wali Lundy started for most of four seasons and finished as the career touchdowns leader in the ACC with 52.

Four-year placekicker Connor Hughes, who missed only 13 of 79 career field goal attempts and edged Lundy by 20 points as Virginia's career scoring leader.

The Cavaliers also lost four coaches, including offensive coordinator Ron Prince, defensive coordinator Al Golden and associate head coach Danny Rocco, all of whom left to take head coaching jobs.

"That's what makes this challenging and makes this thing fun," Groh said. "Every year, and every week, to some degree, you've got to put your team back together again." (AP)

Terps Field Gets Bank Sponsorship

TERPS FOOTBALL | Maryland has reached a \$20 million deal that gives Chevy Chase Bank the naming rights to the field at Byrd Stadium.

The agreement will enable the school to move forward with a \$50.8 million renovation project that includes 500 new mezzanine

seats in the lower seating bowl.

The 56-year-old Byrd Stadium is named for former Maryland president H.C. "Curley" Byrd.

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New Back Gets His Turn

Duckett practices with the Redskins, will play against the Patriots

REDSKINS | The new running back wore No. 36. The running backs coach wore a straw hat. In the hot sunshine away from the other players, Ernest Byner used a football and three upside-down plastic trash cans to give T.J. Duckett some remedial lessons on the Washington Redskins play book.

"Get those shoulders square," Byner said as Duckett took the ball and ran between two cans, meant to simulate defensive linemen. "Push it, T.J."

Duckett was trying to fit in Thursday during his first practice since the three-team trade that sent him from Atlanta to Washington. The deal puzzled the Redskins' existing running backs, who felt they were already a strong group. For Duckett it was a relief after weeks of uncertainty in the Falcons camp.

"I'm just glad it's finally settled," Duckett said. "One week, my name's all in the trade talks. The next week,

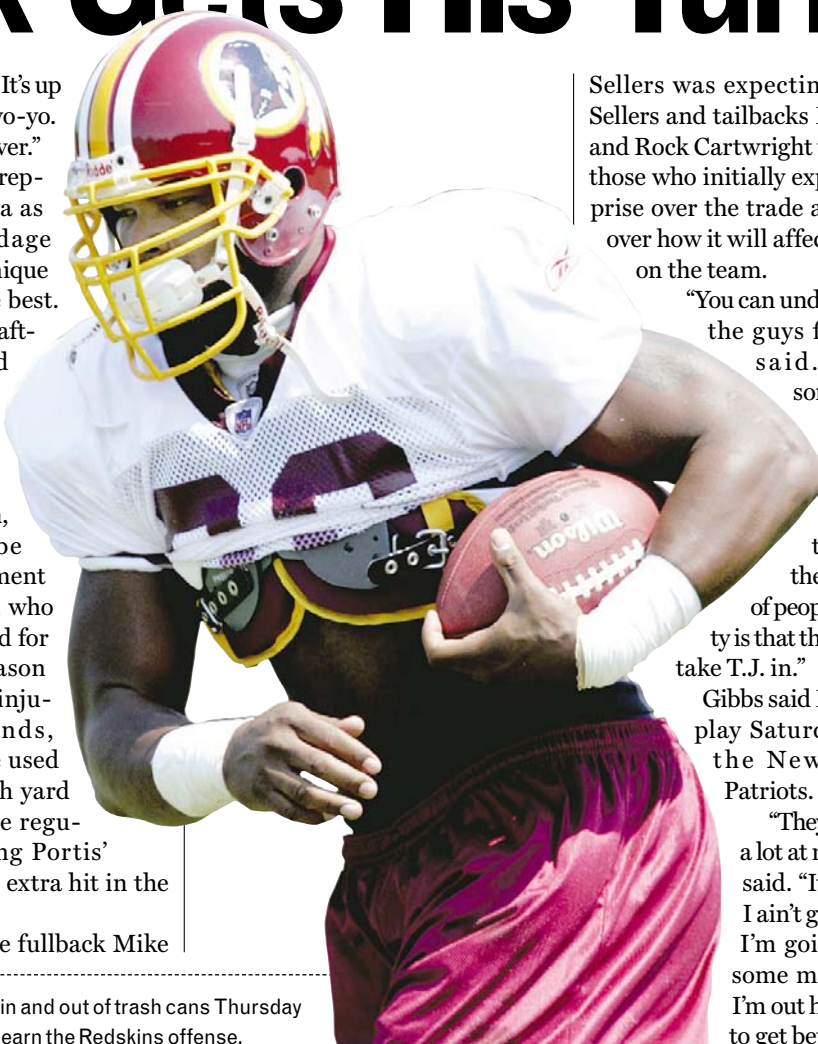
trade talks are off. It's up and down like a yo-yo. I'm just glad it's over."

Duckett had a reputation in Atlanta as a big short-yardage back whose technique wasn't always the best. When the team drafted Jerious Norwood in April, Duckett became an expendable commodity.

In Washington, Duckett could be an ideal complement to Clinton Portis, who has been sidelined for the rest of preseason with a shoulder injury. At 254 pounds, Duckett could be used to pick up a tough yard or two during the regular season, saving Portis' shoulder from an extra hit in the trenches.

That was a role fullback Mike

T.J. Duckett weaved in and out of trash cans Thursday at practice, trying to learn the Redskins offense.



JOEL RICHARDSON/TWIP

Sellers was expecting to fulfill. Sellers and tailbacks Ladell Betts and Rock Cartwright were among those who initially expressed surprise over the trade and concern over how it will affect their roles on the team.

"You can understand how the guys feel," Byner said. "We had somewhat of a flow going. If they were not shocked, then we have the wrong type of people. The reality is that these guys will take T.J. in."

Gibbs said Duckett will play Saturday against the New England Patriots.

"They're throwing a lot at me," Duckett said. "It's hard, but I ain't got no choice. I'm going to make some mistakes, but I'm out here working to get better." (AP)

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

Redskins Diss Draft Yet Again

THERE ARE 31 NFL teams that value the NFL draft, and then there's the Redskins.

Who's right? We'll find out after the Super Bowl.

With a team stacked with talent, but with a roster containing one injured star back, Washington did what it does best. It traded away a draft pick to acquire a big-name, disgruntled player. In the tradition of Jeff George, circa 2000, the Redskins give you T.J. Duckett.

And it was not just any pick to land the insurance back; it was a third-round choice. That's the same round in which Chris Cooley was chosen two years ago. Now, he's one of the most important cogs in the Redskins offense.

Whether the move turns out to

"The high price demonstrates Washington's ambivalence to the draft."

High Hopes for Ohio State's Smith

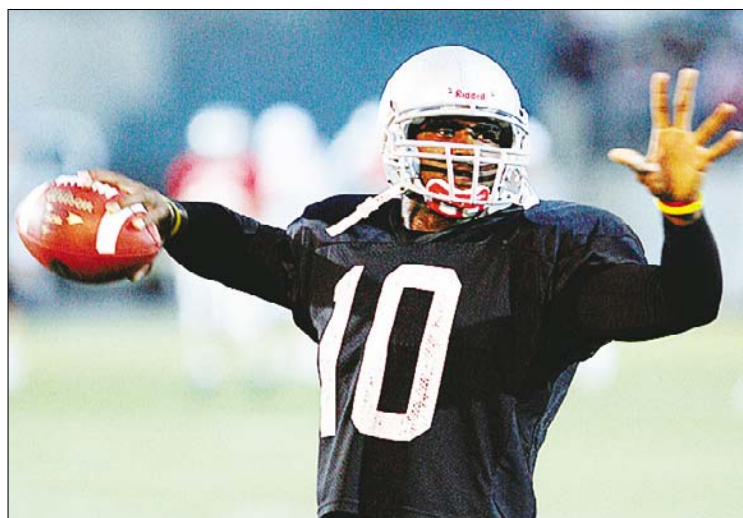
Heisman contender heads into the season eyeing a national title

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Two years ago, Troy Smith was a sub hoping to get into a game. A year ago, he was a starter held out of the lineup because he took money from a booster.

Now he's entering his final season, and the quarterback for top-ranked Ohio State is out to prove he's among the nation's best players.

"It wasn't so long ago that nobody wanted to talk to me," Smith said.

Smith's name now pops up in the early Heisman Trophy buzz. And when talk turns to the Buckeyes' chances of capturing their second national championship in five seasons, his name is there again.



TERRY GILLIAM/AP

Troy Smith has been dominant ever since taking over the reigns of the Ohio State Buckeyes. Last year, he threw for 16 touchdowns, ran for 11 more and was 10-2.

His 2005 stats speak for themselves: 16 touchdown passes with only four interceptions, 11 rushing TDs, a 10-2 record.

However, he's most proud of what can't be measured: With a game on the line, he wants to take charge.

"You have to be able to lead," he said. "You've got 10 other guys looking at you. The most family-oriented or team-oriented portion of a football game is when everybody's in the huddle. Everybody's attention is on one thing. There can be 105,000 screaming fans and everybody in the huddle is all centered and focused on one thing. That's a beautiful thing."

The Buckeyes are ranked No. 1 in the AP preseason poll for the sixth time. They have never ended up a season in the top spot after starting that way. As a matter of fact, half the time they've been No. 1 before the season started, they didn't finish in the top seven.

"It's a good start to be in the national championship hunt, but we want to be there at the end, too," center Doug Datish said.

RUSTY MILLER (AP)

be genius or detrimental is up for debate, but the high price demonstrates Washington's ambivalence to the draft. Free agency is where the team excels.

It didn't work when Snyder first tried this strategy. But under Joe Gibbs, the Redskins have improved their fortunes by poaching other team's stars.

A 10-6 season with a playoff win might seem to prove that — with apologies to Mel Kiper — the draft isn't as important as most make it out to be. Still, the Patriots' success building through young players in their system shows that if the Redskins could learn to draft better, they would be better off.

Somewhere in the middle of the teams' philosophies lies the proper balance. In the meantime, it's nice to have signings to debate year-round.



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U.S. Wins, but Tough Games Await

Team preps for medal round, where a single mistake could be costly

BASKETBALL | Now comes the hard part.

The U.S. closed a perfect week of group play Thursday night by routing Senegal 103-58.

But with more demanding games ahead, one stumble and this young but talented team will be out of the hunt for the country's first FIBA world championship title since 1994.

The U.S. will open the tournament's medal phase against Australia, the fourth-place finisher in Group C, on Sunday in Saitama.

"We came over here to win the gold," center Dwight Howard said. "The first game is Sunday, and we can start off on the right note."

The reward for winning Group D is substantial: The Americans won't have to face Argentina or Spain until the final. But there's a lot of basketball to be played before then.



FLYING HIGH: LeBron James and the U.S. national team dominated Senegal on Thursday, but the real test is still to come, as the team moves into the medal round.

"There will be some surprises," said Senegal's Makhtar N'Diaye, who played in college at Michigan and North Carolina. "Argentina and Spain can bring a lot of havoc."

The U.S. faced only one tough test in Group D — Wednesday's 94-85 victory over Italy, which finished second. The competition will improve dramatically, although some teams aren't familiar to the Americans.

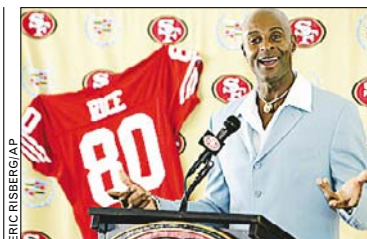
They know Australian center Andrew Bogut, who plays for the Milwaukee Bucks.

And they're well-acquainted with Dallas star Dirk Nowitzki, whose German team could meet the U.S. in the second round. Nowitzki lit up Angola for 47 points in Germany's 108-103 triple-overtime victory Thursday.

This is where the new U.S. scouting department, created by managing director Jerry Colangelo, should pay dividends.

"We're going to be familiar with some of the players but not the teams," scouting director Rudy Tomjanovich said.

ANDREW BAGNATO (AP)



Jerry Rice signed a one-day contract with San Francisco to retire as a 49er.

Rice Signs 1-Day Deal to Officially Retire as a 49er

FOOTBALL | Jerry Rice signed a one-day contract to retire with the San Francisco 49ers on Thursday, officially ending the receiver's matchless career back where it began.

Rice, who played the first 16 of his 20 NFL seasons with San Francisco, shed no tears during a short signing ceremony at the 49ers' training complex. The receiver wore his ring from the 49ers' 1989 Super Bowl championship team.

"I would like to put the uniform on and run on that football field, but I think it's time to move on," Rice said. "I feel welcome here. I feel like this is my home, and this is something I'll never forget." (AP)

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OutKast delivers a film that's unique, but not much fun to watch

FILM Let us praise OutKast for their ambition, if not their aim.

The duo did something unique with "Idlewild," a musical drama set in the '30s that wildly blends genres and eras and features a high-class cast and heavy visual tricks. The film is extraordinarily imaginative, often stylish and fun, and can even be magical.

Ultimately, though, the anachronism's too jarring. The rich, deep visual texture becomes overbearing. And the movie feels like it will never end.

The songs in "Idlewild" (and the recently released soundtrack) include rap, swing, jazz and R&B. Maybe they'll work on your headphones, but in the film, they're inert.

The cliché-ridden plot isn't terribly compelling either. Childhood friends Percival (Benjamin, a.k.a. Andre 3000) and Rooster (Patton, a.k.a. Big Boi) dream of stardom in small-town Georgia. Percival, the



HE DOESN'T LOOK SHY: Andre 3000's "Idlewild" character comes out of his shell.

quiet one, plays piano, writes songs and helps his mortician father. Rooster, the troublemaker, hams it up as a song-and-dance man — to the annoyance of his wife, who wants him to stay home with their five kids.

Everything changes, though, with the arrival of two people at the Church, the speakeasy where they perform and where dancers take over the floor with awe-inspiring choreography, the work of Tony winner Hinton Battle. (Macy Gray plays another regular performer.)

One is crime boss Spats (Ving Rhames), who says he's getting out of the business and offers to sell a piece of it to the Church's owner.

The other is the beautiful Angel Davenport (Paula Patton), a high-maintenance singer scheduled to perform for four weeks who, naturally, has her sights set on the big cities. She and Percival form a romantic connection; she begs him to ditch his roots.

Andre 3000 makes the conflicted Percival believable, but Big Boi can't make his character work.

Borrowing from Shakespeare, the film's prodigious voiceovers often state that: "The world's a stage and the men and women merely players."

Too often, it feels like those of "Idlewild" are simply playing an elaborate game of dress-up. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

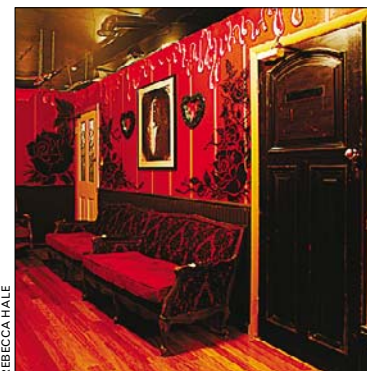
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I'm looking forward to checking out the Rock and Roll Hotel and have two questions: Do you need advance tickets, or can you just walk up and get in? Also, what's the easiest way to get there from the Union Station Metro?

There are no advance tickets; buy them at the door. The best way to get there from Union Station is by cab, though the X2 bus stops right outside, too.

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The "Honeymoon Suite" at the RNR Hotel, which is, in fact, also a hotel.

I was in London recently and really enjoyed the cask-conditioned ales. Are there any places in the area that serve "real" ales?

Birreria Paradiso tends to have a cask of something. The two Rock Bottom Breweries put their own ales on, as do Old Dominion's brewpub and the District Chophouse.

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Reading, Writing and Drugs

Ryan Gosling shines as a teacher living a dangerous double life

FILM Forget what you think you know about Ryan Gosling, the pretty star of weepy romance "The Notebook."

He has fierce talent and far more darkness and depth than that chick flick suggests. (Gosling also starred in the acclaimed '02 movie "The Believer," as a Jewish youth living a secret life as a skinhead. You might have missed it: The movie never made it into theaters.)

In "Half Nelson," he plays an ide-



A GOOD OSCAR BUZZ: Gosling says he's "uncomfortable" working on big Hollywood projects; "Half Nelson" is an indie written by first-time filmmakers.

alistic junior high school teacher living a contradictory, self-destructive double life. By day, he uses creative methods to instruct his students in inner-city Brooklyn about history; by night, he uses crack cocaine, or whatever other drug he can get his hands on.

Day and night start bleeding dangerously into each other, but he finds a vague ray of hope in an unexpected friendship with Drey (the astonishingly assured Shareeka Epps), a troubled student who also plays on his basketball team. It all could have been overly feel-good, but director Ryan Fleck and his co-writer, Anna Boden, present the material with a bracing realism that keeps the film raw and grounded. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

The Heart of an Eagle

'Invincible' gives unlikely football hero Vince Papale his due

FILM | It's a great story. And it has the added benefit of being (most-ly) true.

In 1976, at the start of his first year as the Philadelphia Eagles' head coach, Dick Vermeil issued an open call to anyone who wanted to try out for the team. Having lost the last game of the previous dismal season, 31-0, to the Cincinnati Bengals in a dreary, snowy Veterans Stadium, they had nothing left to lose, right?

Hundreds showed up. One guy made it: Vince Papale, a lifelong Eagles fan who was at a crossroads at age 30, but who also happened to possess explosive athletic abilities and even greater heart.

In "Invincible," cinematographer-turned-director Ericson Core uses gritty tones and vivid details



TEAM SPIRIT: In the Disney film "Invincible," Mark Wahlberg is well-suited to play special-teams hero Vince Papale.

to show the economic hardships Papale and his friends endured in working-class South Philly in the 1970s. And in Mark Wahlberg, himself a product of a poor upbringing in South Boston, Core has the ideal star. His stoicism, physicality and tough-guy looks make him totally believable, and make it easy to root for him as the underdog.

Papale had always been the star of the pickup games he played with his buddies in a dilapidated yard. A substitute teacher and part-time bartender, he probably didn't even realize what he was capable of.

Around the time his teaching gig is drying up and his wife coldly leaves him, Vermeil puts out his call. As Papale makes it through round after round of cuts, he finds himself emerging as an inspiration for his friends and neighbors.

And just as the guys in the Eagles locker room are shunning this rookie player, Papale is tentatively embarking on a much-needed romance with the woman who eventually will become his wife. Their relationship unfolds with as much melodrama as nearly everything else that transpires in "Invincible." Thankfully.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Good and Good for You

A clever victim teaches a bully 'How to Eat Fried Worms'

FILM | "How to Eat Fried Worms" is a lot tastier than its title implies.

This family film has victims taking on bullies, a parent-approved message of tolerance, a passel of goofy kids with weird names and distinctive faces and humor that's cute without being sentimental.

And for the kid in all of us, it has worms.

Adapting the screenplay from Thomas Rockwell's children's novel, writer-director Bob Dolman keeps things light and nimble. The cast is led by Luke Benward as Billy, an 11-year-old who runs afoul of his class bully, Joe (Adam Hicks), on the first day at his new school. Joe and his toadies load up Billy's lunch Thermos with worms, prompting an act of defiance by the new kid.



KIDS DO THE DARNDDEST THINGS: It's true that puke has a mind of its own, though.

With a gang of kids on hand bearing such nicknames as Plug, Twitch and Techno Head, the day-long battle is on, with Billy and his churning but resilient stomach gradually chipping away at Joe's authority.

The movie offers a satisfying little glimpse into the trickle-

down theory of bullying in which those on the short end of the stick look for someone weaker to bully themselves. And it's full of phrases of wisdom that defuse unreasoning fears with simple, childlike insight — lines like "Boys are so stupid" and "Puke has a mind of its own."

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

Cosby's Cutting-Edge TV

DVD | No need to wait 'til September. The season's coolest single-camera sitcom has arrived. It's been around, in fact, for 37 years.

But if "The Bill Cosby Show" were to hit TV now with the pilot episode that leads off this week's DVD release, it would fit right into the current comic trend of dumping the laugh track to strike a whimsical note on the oddities of everyday life. Cosby's first sitcom finds his high school basketball coach calmly contending with bureaucracy, barking dogs, even suspicious cops.

The 1969 pilot is a revelatory flashback. Cosby's stream-of-consciousness pilot is all over the map, never hinting where it'll head next. First, he's prattling a running monologue to his feet jogging down



Cosby was only 32 when NBC gave him a chance to produce his own sitcom.

the street. Then he answers a ringing pay phone that plunges him into a stew of confusion with a parade of connected strangers. This one half-hour ambles from a nearby repair shop to a group of playing kids and over into a pool hall, then finally a police car, in a circuitous tale played neither for goofy laughs nor any overt message except: Life happens. And you gotta bounce along. DIANE WERTS (NEWSDAY)

Entertainment Weekend

Nightlife Agenda

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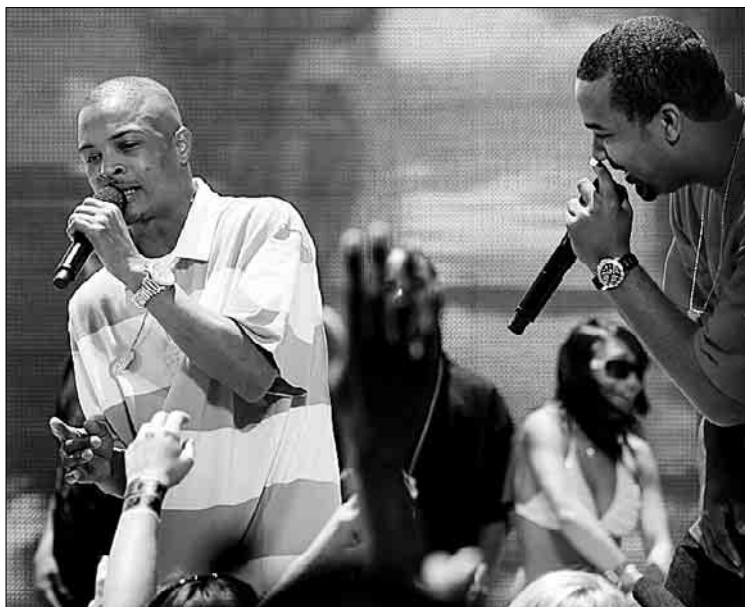
FRIDAY

LOVE presents a live performance by T.I. and four levels of DJs to mark owner Marc Barnes' birthday. Buy tickets from Ticketmaster and skip the line.

The Spanish word sonero means "singer," but in the world of salsa it signifies much more. A sonero can cut through the charging rhythm section and blaring brass of an Afro-Cuban ensemble to tie it all together. He can improvise lyrically and melodically over a montuno (repeated vamp section) to push the energy of the band and dancers. Hailing from Venezuela, Oscar D'Leon is one of the best soneros you'll ever hear in D.C. Get on **H2O'S** guest list at h2odc.com and head down to the waterfront to pay homage.

Pianist Larry Willis has three Grammy nominations on his resume, as well as an appearance with Roy Hargrove on the statue-winning "Crisol Band" LP. But what's more impressive is the number of legends who've relied on his lyrical chording, edgy sense of free jazz and understated sense of rhythm. His credits range from Jackie McLean's '60s gem "Right Now!" through a mid-'70s stint with Blood, Sweat and Tears to the Latin-infused hard bop of Jerry Gonzales and the Fort Apache Band. Willis has recorded and toured with Hugh Masakela, Dizzy Gillespie, Lee Morgan, Carmen McRae and our own Shirley Horn. At **TWINS JAZZ** this weekend, though, Willis is appearing as a leader with his trio, and we expect back-to-basics bop. Tickets are \$15 for Friday and Saturday's shows at both 9 p.m. and 11 p.m.

In May, local label Gypsy Eyes Records launched with an impressive showcase at the 9:30 Club featuring Americana-tinged acts Shortstack, Revival, These United States and Brandon Butler. In the months since then, not much has happened. The label still doesn't have a single release to its name, the bands have played around as usual and now it's returned with another



DON'T INVITE LIL' FLIP: Love owner Marc Barnes marks his birthday with a T.I. gig.

er showcase — of the exact same bands, with a couple of additions. Singer-songwriters Vandavee and John Bustine will also play tonight's show, the second at the **ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL** and the first night of the Gypsy Eyes First Forever Festival. It may be a lot of twang to take for one night, but there's not a weak act on the bill. The second half of the fest — on Saturday, down the street at **THE RED AND BLACK** — offers more rocking members of the extended Gypsy Eyes family, Let's French and Scourge of the Sea, in addition to the hushed folk of Paleo and Kittyhawk.

SATURDAY

On a night when two of the city's most buzzed-about bands are performing (Georgie James at the **BLACK CAT** and Middle Distance Runner at the **VELVET LOUNGE**) and the



On Saturday, Go-Go icon Chuck Brown celebrates his birthday at the 9:30 Club.

Godfather of Go-Go, Chuck Brown, is celebrating his birthday at the **9:30 CLUB** with "The Wickedest Band Alive," Rare Essence, there won't be a better show than the one at the tiny **WAREHOUSE NEXT DOOR**, where Pissed Jeans will play jarring, driving sludge rock that should appeal to fans of the Stooges, Flipper, Black Flag and other bands that make you want to jump around and crash into stuff. Pissed Jeans recently inked a deal with Sub Pop, so don't be surprised if you start hearing the memorable, evocative name very often, very soon. Headlining the bill is Manhunter, a local electronic duo that does a great job of recreating the hard-hitting techno sounds of the '80s Detroit scene.

Far too many hip-hop fans in D.C. flock to big clubs to see here-today, gone-tomorrow MCs from New York or Atlanta, but refuse to spend a couple bucks to hear local artists. Asheru is one of a few D.C. artists with a chance to break nationally, thanks to his performance of the title theme of "The Boondocks" and appearances on that Adult Swim show's official mixtape alongside big names such as Ghostface Killah, Common and Little Brother. Ash is also the man behind the monthly Guerilla Lounge showcase of D.C. artists, and tonight's installment at the historic **BOHEMIAN CAVERNS** features Priest da Nomad, W. Ellington Felton, jazz singer Mushsinah and Asheru's band, the ELs.



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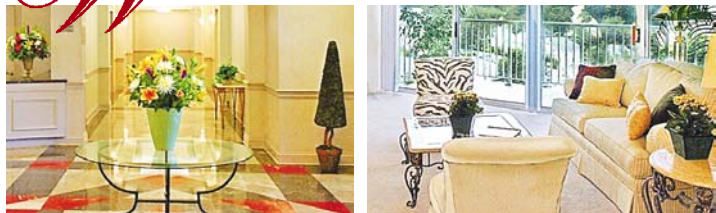
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ACCEPTED (PG-13, 90 minutes) Bartleby Gaines (Justin Long) can't bear to tell his folks that he has been rejected by every college to which he applied. To save face, he falsifies an acceptance letter from an institution he has made up. The parents buy the hoax, and so do hundreds of other burnouts, and stoners, airheads and strippers who've come across Bartleby's fake Web site. A fluffy teen comedy, this movie gets annoying fast. **ADRIANE QUINLAN**

THE ANT BULLY (PG, 80 minutes) Lucas Nickle (voice of Zach Tyler Eisen), a boy regularly creamed by tougher kids, now and then takes his rage out on the backyard anthill. But a wizard figures out some chemical stuff capable of shrinkage on a massive scale, and hello, 15mm boy! Lucas sees the error of his ways, and soon, like them, he's a stalwart warrior. The movie is an epic adventure with a rigorously moral point of view. **(SH)**

BARNYARD (PG, 83 minutes) Male "cows" with pink teats? Not so easy to get past. Yet that's what can be found in a movie where the animals throw barn dances, watch television and generally party it up once the farmer closes shop for the night. The film's premise is a lot like that of the much better "The Lion King." This movie will entertain the kids; not so much the grown-ups. **JENNIFER FREY**

BOYNTON BEACH CLUB (Unrated, 105 minutes) This movie studies a rebonding ritual among newly partnerless young-elderlies (say, 55 to 65) at the famous Florida retirement town. These folks want society, life, intimacy. There are plenty of reasons to like the movie, but one factor in particular is its brilliant cast of discarded '70s-era Hollywood stars who are superb performers, including Sally Kellerman, Joseph Bologna, Michael Nouri and Dyan Cannon. **(SH)**

THE BREAK-UP (PG-13, 105 minutes) Vince Vaughn plays Gary, whose idea of a good time is shooting pool, watching the Cubs or firing up a video game while his girlfriend, Brooke (Jennifer Aniston), kvetches in the background. She may be right, but he's funny. And in comedy, serious loses and funny wins. **(DT)**

CARS (G, 116 minutes) Our hero, Lightning McQueen (the voice of Owen Wilson), is a sleek, red sportster on the racing circuit. He ends up stranded in a town called "Radiator Springs." He interacts with the townspeople, falls in love and learns a



DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC? Edward Norton and Jessica Biel play lovers kept apart in the historical romance "The Illusionist"

little something. This is the latest concoction from the geniuses at Pixar, and it's great fun. **(SH)**

CLERKS II (R, 98 minutes) Dante and Randal are back and, aficionados will be gratified to learn, have grown up only slightly. This sequel finds them still bantering with customers, having movie geek-offs (the "Star Wars" vs. "Lord of the Rings" argument is priceless) and relishing crude innuendo. This is a lewd, lascivious, exhilaratingly life-affirming celebration of misfits and the misfits who love them. **(AH)**

THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13, 148 minutes) The most controversial thriller of the year turns out to be about as exciting as watching your parents play Sudoku. From a dispassionate Tom Hanks as symbolologist Robert Langdon to a script carefully written to mollify Christians already upset by the film's premise of a Jesus and Mary Magdalene hook-up, this film is a bland piece of high-grade cheese. **(AH)**

THE DESCENT (R, 95 minutes) Sarah (Shauna Macdonald) is one of a group of virile mid-twenties gals addicted to adrenaline. Her friend Juno (Natalie Mendoza) persuades her to go on another adventure. Sooner than you can say, "I ain't goin' down in that hole!" she's rappelled her way into the maw of hell. Writer-director Neil Marshall keeps the film lean and focused and has a nice taste for horror imagery. **(SH)**

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13, 109 minutes) Meryl Streep plays Miranda



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Meet Hans Six-Pack

"BEERFEST" IS AWFUL INITIALLY, but slowly improves to the point that the film, from comedy troupe Broken Lizard, lifts BL back on par with its '02 mini-hit "Super Troopers." The movie is written by and stars Jay Chandrasekhar, Erik Stolhanske, Paul Soter, Kevin Heffernan and Steve Lemme. Director Chandrasekhar infuses loose, goofy energy in the tale of brothers (Stolhanske and Soter) dispatched to scatter the ashes of their grandfather in Munich. There, the siblings stumble on a Olympics-style drinking competition, where their German relations put them to shame and send them back to the U.S., where they begin training for the following year. "Beerfest" plays out as a series of skits and set pieces, most of them clunkers, a lot of them gross and even repellent. **DAVID GERMAIN (AP)**

Priestly, the driven, demanding editor in chief of Runway, the bible of New York fashion magazines. Unable to keep a decent assistant, Miranda's latest hire is Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway), the smart girl who eschews fashion (at first) and arrives at her job at Runway head-to-toe out of place. She wants to be a serious writer. Can Andy survive a year of Miranda and, in return, win a recommendation that will get her in the door at any magazine in Manhattan? That, in essence, is the plot of the film. But Streep makes it work. **JENNIFER FREY**

HEADING SOUTH (R, 108 minutes) Legba (Menothly Cesar) is black and beautiful, perhaps 18. The place is a sultry beach resort in Papa Doc's brutal Haiti in the late '70s. In certain alleyways, if you are black, the wrong word or the wrong glance will get you dead fast. The rule for the Westerners — Ellen (Charlotte Rampling), Brenda (Karen Young) and Sue (Louise Portal) — is: enjoy. Enjoy but don't get involved. But the horror outside leaks inside. What happens is horrible, and perhaps its biggest horror is how helpful it is to be Westerners. The film is a piercing indictment, though it makes its point without much screaming, hectoring or preening. **(SH)**

THE ILLUSIONIST (PG-13, 109 minutes) Edward Norton plays Eisenheim, an illusionist who has become the toast of aristocratic Vienna. He is being watched by Chief Inspector Uhl (Paul Giamatti), who, when a smoky image finally appears, promptly arrests him. The movie then backtracks to Eisenheim's beginnings as a poor boy, his friendship with a spirited young duchess and the downfall of their budding romance. Years later, he encounters Duchess Sophie (Jessica Biel) again, incurring the suspicion of her betrothed. The movie becomes not just a love story infused with magic realism, but a subtle, eerie augury of the cataclysm that lies ahead for Austria. But the film can't overcome a fatal sense of inertness. **(AH)**

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG, 100 minutes) This documentary follows Al Gore on his world tour, in which he warns audiences that humankind faces dire climatic consequences if it doesn't curb carbon dioxide emissions. We know what you're thinking, but as this surprisingly absorbing film shows, Gore's lectures are anything but dull. Although his onstage presentation tells us nothing new, it has a renewed potency, in light of growing scientific consensus about changing weather patterns. **(DT)**

JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG-13, 87 minutes) When a putative misfit Kate (Brittany Snow) discovers that the BMO

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— Big Manipulator of Cheerleaders — has been three-timing a bevy of precocious classmates. She leads the girls in a sadistic revenge spree. Despite doing its best to giggle, jiggle and ogle its way into a niche somewhere between "Heathers" and "American Pie," the movie becomes another forgettable pastiche of sight gags and pop-culture references. (AH)

LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13, 95 minutes) An otherworldly being called Story (Bryce Dallas Howard) emerges from a swimming pool behind a dingy apartment building and into the arms of its bewildered superintendent, Cleveland Heep (Paul Giamatti). Slowly he learns she's a "narf," a nymph who has come on land to find a man of deep significance. Cleveland, a guy who has resigned himself to a life plunging toilets, soon understands that he's at the beginning of something significant. But in a movie laden with symbolism, shamanism and mythic lore, director M. Night Shyamalan never forgets to have fun. (DT)

LITTLE MAN (PG-13, 98 minutes) This movie is about what you'd think a movie in which a man masquerades as a baby would be. Every orifice is covered, and the product of every orifice is also covered. The gimmick features Marlon Wayans' face computer-painted on various aspects of two little people named Linden Porco and Gabriel Pimental. Together they all play the jewel thief Calvin, who retends to be a baby in order to do reacquire some stolen goods. (SH)

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R, 101 minutes) Uncle Frank (Steve Carell), the nation's pre-eminent Proust scholar, is sporting white gauze on his wrists, a result of his recent suicide attempt. Daddy (Greg Kinnear) wants to be a motivational speaker, only motivates others to roll their eyes. Mom (Toni Collette) considers it a balanced meal when she opens a bag of salad to go with her Diet Sprite and chicken-in-a-bucket. Throw all of them in a broken-down, yellow VW bus en route from Albuquerque to Redondo Beach, Calif., so that 7-year-old Olive (Abigail Breslin) can compete for the dubious title of Little Miss Sunshine. What happens when the family actually makes it to the pageant is sad, sweet, enlightening, a whole host of things, really. But mostly it's just funny. JENNIFER FREY

MATERIAL GIRLS (97 minutes, PG) Imagine the Olsen twins channeling the Hilton sisters and you get an inkling of just how irritating it is to watch "Material Girls," the latest Hilary Duff vehicle, this



MARK HIGASHINO

LOW-LIFE ROMANCE

Drink, Write, Drink

CHARLES BUKOWSKI DESERVES better than "Factotum," a dismal, wearisome adaptation of his novel, and so do Bukowski's fans. Director Bent Hamer's movie is ugly, depressing and persistently off-putting, even repulsive at times in its portrait of an artist as an embodiment of human detritus. It's one thing to read about a degenerate life in poetic language; it's another to watch such a life play out in explicit imagery. The book was a thinly veiled chronicle of the young Bukowski's meandering, odd-jobbing, boozing and womanizing while trying to become a writer during World War II. Crudely updated to modern times, the movie stars Matt Dillon as Bukowski's alter ego, Henry Chinaski, who would rather hold a drink than a job and dashes off his scribbled short stories to magazine editors in between bingeing and sleeping around. Lili Taylor and Marisa Tomei co-star. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

time starring Duff's real-life sister, Haylie. They play two airheaded heiresses to a cosmetics fortune who, when the company flames out faster than a Dell laptop, wind up a world away from 90210 and learn the invaluable life lesson that being poor doesn't mean you have to have big pores. Meanwhile, this tedious rom-com delivers nothing by way of rom or com. To the Duffs, we say: enough. (AH)

MIAMI VICE (R, 130 minutes) Based on the '80s TV show about the stylized, musicalized, heavily armed, beautifully dressed icons Crockett and Tubbs, this movie seems to deal with multiple conspiracies involving the Aryan Brotherhood, a Colombian working out of Paraguay and a motley variety of Caribbean pond scum. The plot is largely meaningless, somewhere between "nota lot of plot" and "lots and lots of plot." But the worst news is that Colin Farrell and

Jamie Foxx, replacing Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas in the key roles, don't hold a candle, a flashlight, a match to the original guys. (SH)

MONGOLIAN PING PONG (Unrated, 102 minutes) The people of the vast prairies of Mongolia may be hopelessly disconnected from industrial civilization, but they hardly notice it. But now and then, a little magic arrives. One day, an irrepressible little boy named Bilike finds a glowing pearl in the river. Granny quickly confirms that the object is of some holy significance. You and I would, of course, recognize the holy pearl as a ping-pong ball. And wouldn't that be our loss? We'd never share the joy that the mysterious arrival brings to Bilike and its galvanizing force on his small society. (SH)

MONSTER HOUSE (PG, 91 minutes) The animated story of a boy who discovers

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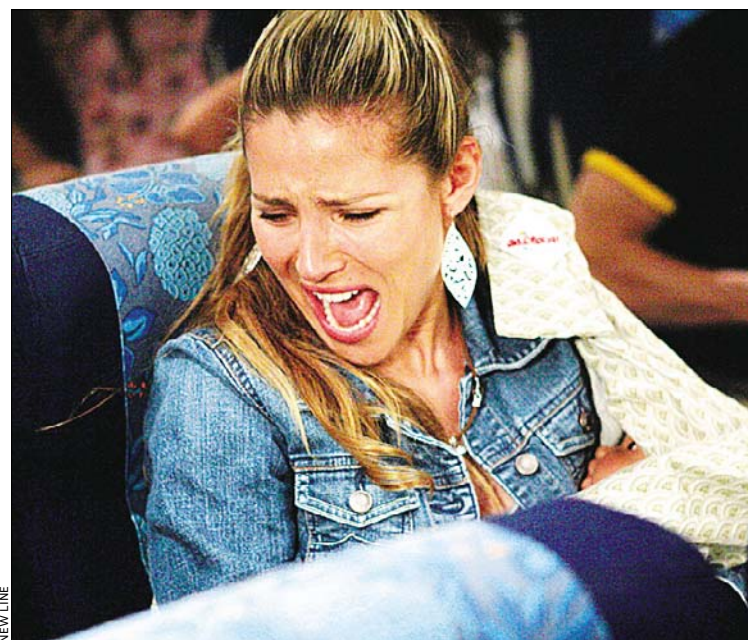
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that the house across the way is a monster with a voracious appetite for children just his age, this movie is a grisly, often cynical piece of work whose joyless, aggressive spirit is made even less appealing by its soulless visual style. The story is by turns tiresome and terrifying, as the house comes to creepy life and its back story — gothic to the point of grotesqueness — is revealed. (A-)

THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN (R, 88 minutes) This adaptation of the underground comic strip is mostly unfabulous. The only saving grace is the boyish appeal of most of the cast, particularly Daniel Letterle as the romantically self-destructive Ethan. Meant to be a lighthearted farce, the movie is more of a lackluster potboiler. (D-)

NACHO LIBRE (PG, 90 minutes) Jack Black, hiding behind a large, bad Mexican accent and a perm from hell, plays Ignacio, nicknamed Nacho, a monk in an orphanage whose job consists of fixing beans for the kids. The movie then follows the secret career of Nacho Libre the wrestler, juxtaposing it with the banality of the monk Ignacio, who is the butt of all that witty monastery repartee. Is it funny? Now and then. Stupid? Very. Racist? Possibly. Ugly? Profoundly. Wild? Undeniably. Singular? Completely. (A-)

OVER THE HEDGE (PG, 87 minutes) The woodland creatures' habitat is losing ground to development. They've got no choice but to slip through the big hedge that rings the human world and make for the trash cans. Welcome to an amusing

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war between cute critters and crass consumers. Jokes are packed into every pixel of this movie, but there's such a knowing swagger about its comedy, there seems to be no innocence in the mix at all. (D-)

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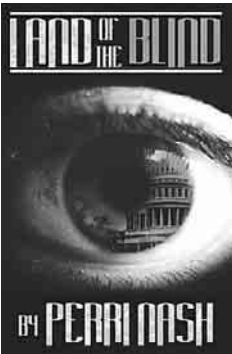
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PULSE (PG-13, 91 minutes) American director Jim Sonzero has taken the campus setting and plot of a 2001 Japanese horror film written and directed by Kiyoshi Kurosawa and added some rationale by "science-fictioning" it: Computer scientists developed a program that tapped into a new range of frequencies they thought they could control, not knowing that a computer geek had hacked into their system, and through him, the virus was released upon the world. The movie is far from great, but it certainly holds your attention. (SH)

A SCANNER DARKLY (R, 100 minutes) Richard Linklater's adaptation of Philip K. Dick's novel is in a special dimension. Without its animation, this would have made a fine cautionary tale about drug addiction, paranoia and institutional treachery in a police state. But with a technique that turns the existing live action into a two-dimensional cartoon, the movie becomes its own living, breathing metaphor. (DT)

SCOOP (PG-13, 100 minutes) Woody Allen's latest movie opens on the River Styx, where today's boatload of souls is headed toward the far shore, among them one Joe Strombel, a Fleet Street news-hound. But on this slow boat to nowhere, Joe (Ian McShane) runs into the recently murdered secretary of an aristocratic bounder (Hugh Jackman) and learns that her employer is a serial killer horrifying London. It gets a lot lamer. A truth must be faced: This is the worst movie Woody Allen has ever made. (SH)

SNAKES ON A PLANE (R, 106 minutes) This movie's highest level of artistic expression was the ingenious Internet. The thing itself turns out to be pretty much an afterthought, cheesy and not very well worked out. Once the basic situation is defined, the movie just reiterates itself time and time again. Meanwhile, it traffics, most unfortunately, in the broadest sort of cultural cliché. The thing plays like a bargain-basement parody of "Airport," with a thin cross section of humanity running around as snakesnip. (SH)



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STEP UP (PG-13, 98 minutes) Tyler (Channing Tatum) and Nora (Jenna Dewan) are romantically pre-locked and loaded for each other. They collide when Tyler, forced to perform community service at the Maryland School of the Arts after he trashes its auditorium, catches Nora's eye as she prepares for her school's annual showcase. Do we get the picture? (DT)

SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13, 154 minutes) Superman's been gone for five years seeking remnants of Krypton among the stars. He returns to Earth to find that Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth) now has a child and a boyfriend, and Lex Luthor (Kevin Spacey) has just exited the slammer and started a new shenanigan. It follows that Lois and Clark deal with buried feelings, and there's even time for Supe to remember his boyhood in Kansas. What's missing? Oh, right, a plot. But the bottom line is that Superman has returned, and you will believe that a man can fly and that virtue is its own reward. (SH)

TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13, 105 minutes)

Will Ferrell plays the title character, who has a jones for things that go vrrrr-roooooom. After a lucky break, Ricky Bobby is basking in NASCAR stardom. But as expected, he crashes, his car turning flip-flops into the air in "the worst crash in NASCAR history." He survives, but he's convinced he's paralyzed, so much so, that he actually can't move. The movie doesn't do much more than go for the quick guffaw, and frequently the guffaw comes from stereotypical slights along the redneck vein. (TW)

TIME TO LEAVE (Unrated, 85 minutes) When the darkly handsome Romain (Melvil Poupaud) learns he has only a few months to live, he begins checking out of life with a violent disregard for the love of those around him. The film takes a startling turn when he is invited by a young working-class couple to father their child in lieu of the sterile husband. Sexuality has become essentially a neutral thing, and the camera is as kind to Romain and his boyfriend when they have sex as it is to the threesome when

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TRUST THE MAN (R, 103 minutes) The movie circles around two discontented couples as they whine and dine together. It's all very redolent of Woody Allen. Indeed, with its self-conscious literary references and trendy settings, the movie quickly begins to feel hopelessly derivative of better movies. By the time it arrives at its wildly contrived climax and self-congratulatory conclusion, audiences won't trust—or believe—a word of it. (AH)

WONDROUS OBLIVION (Unrated, 106 minutes) The son of Holocaust refugees who have made a home in south London, 11-year-old David Wiseman (Sam Smith) has developed a passion for cricket. David's life changes when Dennis Samuels (Delroy Lindo), his new Jamaican neighbor, sets up an enclosure for cricket practice in his back yard. This film is a knowing fairy tale that lovingly re-creates a bygone era but also examines its underlying moral ambiguities. (DT)

WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG-13, 125 minutes) Oliver Stone's film about Port Authority officers John McLoughlin and Will Jimeno (played, respectively, by Nicolas Cage and Michael Peña), begins Sept. 11, 2001, when the two officers and their colleagues have just started the day's work, and the first plane strikes the North Tower. They reach the World

Trade Center concourse just as the second plane hits and are forced to retreat into an elevator shaft when tons of debris rain upon them. Audiences looking for a no-fuss recitation of what happened to McLoughlin and Jimeno will find the movie they seek. But while it's long on veneration for its subjects and scrupulous in portraying the details of that day, it shortchanges audiences when it comes to dramatic revelations that could have resonated on a deeper level. (DT)

X-MEN: THE LAST STAND (PG-13, 104 minutes) The third installment in the series features the same core group of physically gifted mutants. A scientist discovers a cure for mutantism, leading each X to choose between retaining his or her often problematic powers or becoming human. Chock-full of references to Nazi eugenics, the civil and disability rights movements and even the abortion wars, the film suggests that the personal is always political. But director Brett Ratner makes a hash of the story and characters. (SH)

ZOOM (PG, 100 minutes) Tim Allen plays Jack Shepherd, better known as "Captain Zoom," an ex-superhero in self-imposed exile who is called on to train four children to develop their superpowers because a bad ex-superhero is slated to return to Earth. The kids have little personality, and some of the superhero powers seem absurd: Mega-Boy can make himself real fat if he wants to. Big deal. So can I. (SH)

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History Mystery

The secrets of Fox's 'Vanished' are buried deep in the past

INTERACTIVE | Josh Berman had the pedigree. He received two Emmy nominations during his six years as a "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" writer-producer. By 26, he had earned a bachelor's degree in public policy from Princeton University, a master's in history as a Fulbright scholar at the University of Sydney in Australia, and an MBA and law degree from Stanford.

But it was his meticulously indexed research binder that sold Fox on his new mystery thriller and has landed him a coveted time slot on the fall prime-time schedule.

Berman, now 36, is the creator of "Vanished," an edge-of-your-seat drama centered on the wife (Joanne Kelley) of a prominent Georgia senator (John Allen Nelson) who goes missing. Her disappearance turns out to be part of a much, much larger conspiracy, dating back thousands of years.

Not only was his plot developed over 10 episodes, but Berman had pages of historical, forensic, religious and political research as well as minor details, such as the types of guns that FBI agents use and the uniforms tactical teams wear.

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LOOK IT UP: Josh Berman has all the answers somewhere in his massive binder.

said Fox President of Entertainment Peter Liguori.

Berman said he wasn't trying to show off. His binders, he said, are his "security blankets." "When you're holding your answers, you know you can just look it up," he said.

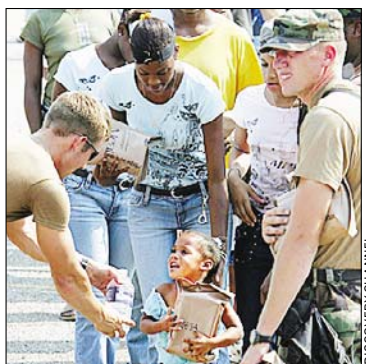
"Vanished" viewers will be able to do their own sleuthing, much like fans of Fox's "Prison Break" or ABC's

"Lost." The difference is that the clues embedded in "Vanished" have historical significance.

Berman offers viewers this head start: The pilot contains two clues that, when Googled together, lead the audience to a historical place involved in the fictional investigation. **MARIA ELENA FERNANDEZ** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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miscalculations on local, state and federal levels that kept thousands of people from being evacuated before and after the storm. Former FEMA director Michael Brown appears frequently to explain a chronology of events and misunderstandings.

The most uplifting stories of "Surviving Katrina" belong to ordinary citizens who were trapped by the storm, rescued by neighbors and eventually saved from the grim confines of the city's convention center by family members who drove over flooded highways and dangerous, lawless streets to come to the rescue. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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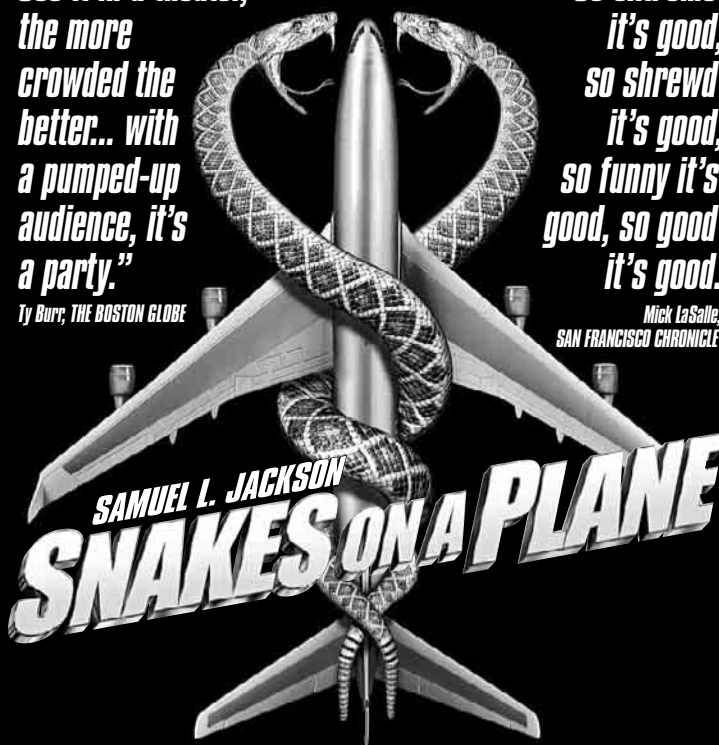
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SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 215 245 450 515) 725 755 1000 1030
STEP UP (PG-13) DIG (1200 235 510) 745 1020
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INVINCIBLE (PG) DIG (1210 100 245 340 530) 650 810 930 1040
BEERFEST (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1155 230 515) 715 815 1015 1145
HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS (PG) DIG (1200 225 455) 720 945
SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 215 245 450 515) 725 755 1000 1030
ACCEPTED (PG-13) DIG (135 205 415 445) 705 735 935 1005
STEP UP (PG-13) DIG (1200 235 510) 745 1020
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MATERIAL GIRLS (PG) DIG (150 425) 715 945
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IDLEWILD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 150 415 445) 710 740 1005 1035
THE ILLUSIONIST (PG-13) DIG (225 505) 745 1025
HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS (PG) DIG (1215 255 510) 725 940
BEERFEST (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (205 450) 735 1020 1150
OC & DA: ACCEPTED (PG-13) DIG (420) 655 920 1145
ACCEPTED (PG-13) DIG (1205 220 250 500 530) 640 910 1140
SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 220 250 500 530) 640 910 1140
STEP UP (PG-13) DIG (125 410) 650 925 1200
PULSE (PG-13) DIG (1200)
WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 700 1015
THE DESCENT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 640 910 1140
BARNYARD (PG) DIG (115 355)
TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) DIG (145 430) 715 955
MIAMI VICE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 455) 805 1110
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (305) 630 950

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INVINCIBLE (PG) DIG (1130 1230 200 300 440 540) 740 840 1030
BEERFEST (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1120 220 500) 745 1035
IDLEWILD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 420) 720 1020
OC & DA: ACCEPTED (PG-13) DIG (1150)
TRUST THE MAN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1100 150 430) 725 950
MATERIAL GIRLS (PG) DIG (110 350) 650 920
ACCEPTED (PG-13) DIG (1250 230 330 445 545) 710 830 930
SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1140 1240 210 310 410 510) 550 750 850 1025
STEP UP (PG-13) DIG (100 340) 635 910
ZOOM (PG) DIG (1100)
WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG-13) DIG (1245 345) 655 1010
THE DESCENT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 645
BARNYARD (PG) DIG (1110 145 410) 645
TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13) DIG (1200 140 240 415 520) 715 810 1015
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 120 250 400 530) 700 820 940

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HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS (PG) ✓ (10:50 @ \$5), 1:10, 3:35, 5:55, 8:20, 10:40
INVINCIBLE (PG) ✓ (11:15 @ \$5), 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45, 12:30
ACCEPTED (PG13) ✓ (11:50 @ \$5), 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50, 12:20
ACCEPTED (PG13) ✓ (11:50 @ \$5), 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50, 12:20
MATERIAL GIRLS (PG) ✓ (11:20 @ \$5), 2:00, 4:25, 6:50, 9:25, 11:55
SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) ✓ (11:00 @ \$5), 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:05, 7:45, 8:45, 10:15, 11:15, 12:45
PULSE (PG13) 9:35 PM, 12:00 AM
STEP UP (PG13) (11:40 @ \$5), 2:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15, 12:45
ZOOM (PG) (10:30 @ \$5), 12:50, 3:05
WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG13) (10:35 @ \$5), 1:35, 4:35, 5:35, 7:35, 8:35, 10:35, 11:35
BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) (10:30 @ \$5), 12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20
THE DESCENT (R) (11:35 @ \$5), 2:10, 4:40, 7:05, 9:40, 12:15
TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG13) (11:25 @ \$5), 2:05, 4:50, 5:50, 7:25, 8:25, 10:05, 11:05, 12:40
MIAMI VICE (R) (11:05 @ \$5), 2:25, 5:25, 8:40, 11:50
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) (10:40 @ \$5), 1:35, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25, 9:25, 11:25
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) (11:55 @ \$5), 3:20, 6:45, 10:10

TRUST THE MAN (R) ✓ (10:55 @ \$5), 1:25, 3:55, 6:40, 9:15
IDLEWILD (R) ✓ (10:45, 11:45 @ \$5), 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:50
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BEERFEST (R) (11:00 @ \$4), 1:30, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20
HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS (PG) (10:50 @ \$4), 12:50, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
INVINCIBLE (PG) (11:00 @ \$4), 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
ACCEPTED (PG13) (10:30 @ \$4), 12:35, 2:50, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15
MATERIAL GIRLS (PG) (10:40 @ \$4), 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) (11:00 @ \$4), 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, 10:15
STEP UP (PG13) (10:50 @ \$4), 1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG13) (10:40 @ \$4), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) (10:30 @ \$4), 12:40, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG13) (10:50 @ \$4), 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50

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ACCEPTED (PG13) ✓ (10:15 @ \$5), 12:30, 2:40, 5:00, 7:10, 9:25
MATERIAL GIRLS (PG) ✓ 12:50, 3:10, 5:25, 7:45, 10:00
STEP UP (PG13) (10:00 @ \$5), 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:15
TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG13) (10:00 @ \$5), 12:30, 3:00, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30
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BEERFEST (R) ✓ (11:30 @ \$5), 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55
INVINCIBLE (PG) ✓ 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05
ACCEPTED (PG13) ✓ 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:20, 9:45, 12:10
SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) ✓ (11:00 @ \$5), 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20, 11:55
STEP UP (PG13) (11:15 @ \$5), 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:25
WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG13) (10:50 @ \$5), 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:50
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THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) 12:30, 5:35, 10:40

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HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS (PG) ✓ (10:25 @ \$5), 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:10, 11:20
INVINCIBLE (PG) ✓ (10:40 @ \$5), 1:15, 3:50, 6:25, 9:00, 11:30
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MATERIAL GIRLS (PG) ✓ (11:15 @ \$5), 1:45, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25
SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) ✓ (11:10 @ \$5), 12:00, 1:40, 2:35, 4:20, 5:15, 7:10, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40
PULSE (PG13) (10:25 @ \$5), 12:35, 2:45, 4:55
STEP UP (PG13) (10:55 @ \$5), 1:25, 4:00, 6:35, 9:15, 11:45
ZOOM (PG) (10:25 @ \$5), 12:35, 2:45, 4:55
WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG13) (10:35 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:20
BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) (10:30 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 7:55, 10:10
THE DESCENT (R) (10:35 @ \$5), 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:05, 9:05, 11:05
TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG13) (11:05 @ \$5), 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
THE ANT BULLY (PG) (10:50 @ \$5), 1:10, 3:30, 5:45
MIAMI VICE (R) 7:05, 10:15
MONSTER HOUSE (R) (11:20 @ \$5), 1:35, 4:05
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BEERFEST (R) 12:20, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 11:00
HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS (PG) (11:05 @ \$5), 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55
INVINCIBLE (PG) (11:30 @ \$5), 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
ACCEPTED (PG13) (11:25 @ \$5), 1:50, 4:05, 6:20, 8:35, 10:50
MATERIAL GIRLS (PG) 12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40
SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) (11:00 @ \$5), 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 10:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45
PULSE (PG13) 9:10 PM
STEP UP (PG13) (10:55 @ \$5), 1:25, 4:10, 6:50, 9:25
WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG13) (11:10 @ \$5), 2:05, 5:00, 8:05, 10:55
BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) (10:35 @ \$5), 2:00, 4:30, 6:45
THE DESCENT (R) 5:15
TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG13) (11:20 @ \$5), 2:15, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:35, 3:50, 7:05, 10:20

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PULSE (PG13) (11:15 @ \$4), 1:45, 5:00, 8:00, 10:30
ZOOM (PG) (10:15 @ \$4), 12:30, 2:45, 5:00
THE DESCENT (R) (10:00 @ \$4), 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
MIAMI VICE (R) 1:15, 7:10
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) (11:00 @ \$4), 1:30, 4:15, 7:50, 10:15
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 12:00, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00
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ACCEPTED (PG13) (11:55 @ \$5), 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) (11:35 @ \$5), 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35
PULSE (PG13) (11:45 @ \$5), 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10:05
STEP UP (PG13) (11:50 @ \$5), 2:30, 5:40, 7:30, 10:00
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WORLD TRADE CENTER (PG13) (10:50 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG) (10:45 @ \$5), 12:55, 3:20, 5:50
THE DESCENT (R) 7:50, 10:20
TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG13) (11:25 @ \$5), 1:55, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40

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TRUST THE MAN (R) (11:30 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:20, 7:50, 10:00
THE BOYNTO BEACH CLUB (NR-NOT RATED) (11:10 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:10, 7:30, 9:50
QUINCENERA (R) (11:50 @ \$5), 2:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:10
SCOOP (PG13) (10:30 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:30, 7:30, 9:40
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R) (11:00, 11:40 @ \$5), 1:10, 1:50, 3:50, 4:30, 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) (11:20 @ \$5), 1:20, 3:40, 9:20

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ACCEPTED (PG13) 12:00, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
SNAKES ON A PLANE (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) (11:55 @ \$4), 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05

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QUINCENERA (R) (11:30 @ \$5), 2:30, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15
A SCANNER DARKLY (R) (11:20 @ \$5), 2:45, 9:45
SCOOP (PG13) 5:10, 7:20
THE CELESTINE PROPHECY (PG) (11:10 @ \$5), 1:45, 4:30, 7:15

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Television



IT'S ABOUT TIME: On Sunday night, the Television Academy will honor late TV producer Aaron Spelling. The Emmy tribute will tip the hat to the man who brought us "jiggle TV," inflicted Shannen Doherty on the American public and made "Ze plane! Ze plane!" a national punchline.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

QUESTION KIT MARLOWE
After a difficult but victorious battle with rivals, Shakespeare seems to have vanished on **MEERKAT MANOR** (Fri., 8 p.m., Animal Planet).

SCIENCE FICTION
A political novice (Jimmy Stewart) shows his idealism with a filibuster in the 1939 Frank Capra drama **MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON** (Fri., 10 p.m., TCM).

THERE AREN'T ENOUGH PERKY, SINGING TWEENS IN THE WORLD
Raven-Symone and friends return in **THE CHEETAH GIRLS 2** (Fri., 8 p.m., Disney). Like the original, it concerns four teenage friends and would-be divas who break into harmonies at the drop of a hat. Tonight's film follows them as they enter a musical competition in Barcelona, Spain.

'LOST' WAS ROBBED
Conan O'Brien hosts **THE 58TH ANNUAL PRIMETIME EMMY AWARDS** (Sun., 8 p.m., NBC). These festivities normally take place after Labor Day and coincide with the beginning of the fall season. This year is NBC's turn to host the event, and NBC is locked into an expensive contract with the NFL to broadcast football games on Sunday nights.



NO ONE LIKES A CHEETAH: Disney's dizzy dames are back for more girlish fun.

'CANES ON THE LOOSE
NATURE'S FURY: NEW ENGLAND'S KILLER HURRICANE (Sun., 8 p.m., History) recalls a powerful 1938 storm that slammed into Long Island and went on to New England, 120 mph gusts and a 20-foot storm surge that caused nearly 700 fatalities. While storms of this intensity are not associated with the Northeast, weather experts believe that a storm the size of

Katrina could hit the region in the coming decades.

UNHAPPY ANNIVERSARY
EXPLORER: DROWNING NEW ORLEANS (Fri., 10 p.m., National Geographic) chronicles the Katrina disaster from the hurricane's arrival to the devastating floods. "Drowning" includes exclusive footage shot by a New Orleans fireman of the 17th Street canal levee breach shot at approximately 11:11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 29.

NO TINA YOTHERS?
CHILD STAR CONFIDENTIAL (Sat., 5 p.m., E!) returns with a guilty-pleasure look at TV princesses, the femme fatales of the small screen who launched a thousand magazine spreads, gossip columns and "Where are they now?" articles: Shannen Doherty, Tiffani Thiessen, Jessica Biel, Christina Applegate, Nicole Eggert, Claire Danes, Lisa Bonet, Keri Russell and Justine Bateman.



BELLE OF 'THE BELL': Tiffani Thiessen shows off her fierce child star glare.

CULT CHOICE
The 1962 John Wayne adventure **HATARI!** (Sun., 10:15 p.m., TCM) may be best known for its use of Henry Mancini's groovy "Baby Elephant Walk" in the soundtrack. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

8.25.06	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Dateline NBC (N) 1		Las Vegas 1	Law & Order "Thinking Makes It So"		News	Tonight Show	
	WTTG 5	Seinfeld 1	The Simpsons 1	The Simpsons 1	Seinfeld 1	** "Men in Black II" (2002) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith. 1			News		News	Geraldo at Large	
	WJLA 7	News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! 1	America's Funniest Home Videos 1		Kyle XY "Overheard" (N) 1	20/20 "Katrina: Where Things Stand"		News	(35) Nightline	
	WUSA 9	News	CBS News	9News Tonight	Entertainment	The Unit A bomb in an Atlanta bank.		The Unit "The Wall" 1	NUMB3RS "Mind Games" (iTV) 1		News	Late Show	
	WDCA 20	King of the Hill 1	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live)					Every-Raymond	The Tyra Banks Show 1		
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	NOW (N) 1	Masterpiece Theatre "Foyle's War" 1 (DVS)		Keeping Up	American Masters: Ray Charles		
	WETA 26	BBC World News		Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week	Inside Wash.	NOW (N) 1	Mystery! "The Murder Room" 1 (DVS)		Charlie Rose (N) 1		
	WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley 1	BBC World News	Moneywise	Evening Exch	Sentimental Piano With Enrique Chia 1		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley 1	Charlie Rose (N) 1		
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	What I Like	Twins 1	Reba 1	Living With Fran	Friends 1	Friends 1	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
	BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files 1		Crossing Jordan "Family Affair" 1		City Confidential 1		City Confidential 1		Facing Life: The Re-Trial of Evan Zimmerman 1		
Animal		The Crocodile Hunter Diaries 1		Meerkat Manor		Meerkat Manor	Close-Danger	The Planet's Funniest Animals 1		Animal Planet Heroes Phoenix (N)		Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor
BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Countdown. (N) 1		LeToya Luckett		"Getting Played" (2005) Carmen Electra, Stacey Dash. Premiere. 1		ComicView 1		Jamie Foxx		Jamie Foxx	
Bravo		Work Out 1		Inside the Actors Studio Hugh Laurie.		*** "Pulp Fiction" (1994) John Travolta. Criminals cross paths in three interlocked tales of mayhem. 1					*** "Pulp Fiction" (1994) 1		
Comedy		** "Big Trouble" (2002, Comedy) Tim Allen, Rene Russo. 1				Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	Jim Gaffigan: Beyond the Pale 1		Com.-Presents		Live at Gotham (N) 1
Court		Hollywood Heat		Masterminds	Cops 1	World's Scariest Police Shootouts! 2		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	
Discovery		How It's Made		How It's Made	Stunt Junkies	Stunt Junkies		Futureweapons "Future Shock"	Dirty Jobs Taylor Shellfish Farms.	Survivorman 1		Stunt Junkies	Stunt Junkies
DISCH		Paramedics "Silicon Valley Saviors"		Trauma: Life in the ER 1		Critical Hour "The Winter Rush"		Dr. G: Medical Examiner 1		Skeleton Stories Decomposing body.		Critical Hour "The Winter Rush"	
Disney		That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	"The Cheetah Girls 2" (2006) Raven, Adrienne Bailon. Premiere. 1		Hannah Montana		Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	
E!		Dating Show	Ludacris Live! (N)	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Behind-Scenes	Ryan Seacrest	Simple Life	Simple Life	The Soup (N)	Handler Show	E! News	The Daily 10
FX	King of the Hill 1	King of the Hill 1	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Rescue Me "Hell"		
HGTV	Renovation	If Walls Could	Offbeat America	House Hunters	Get Color (N)	Design Remix	Under 1 Roof	Save Us-House	House Hunters	House Hunters	My First Place (N)	I Want That!	
Family	7th Heaven "Stand Up" 1		7th Heaven "High Anxiety" 1		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club 1		
History	Tactical to Practical 1		Modern Marvels: Loading Docks		Rome: Engineering an Empire The rise and the fall. 1		Life and Death in Rome "Chaos"		Life and Death in Rome "Doom?"				
Lifetime	Reba 1	Reba "Switch" 1	"Proof of Lies" (2006, Suspense) Amanda Detmer. Premiere. 1		"Break-In" (2006, Suspense) Kelly Carlson. 1		Will & Grace 1						
MTV	(5:30) Made 1	Made "Pageant Queen" 1	MTV Cribs 1		MTV Cribs 1	MTV Cribs 1	Pimp My Ride 1	Pimp My Ride 1	Two-A-Days 1		Real World-Rd	Real World-Rd	
NICK	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius		The Jeffersons 1		The Jeffersons 1	The Jeffersons 1	The Jeffersons 1	The Jeffersons 1	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "200" 1	Eureka "Dr. Nobel" 1	Night Stalker 1		Stargate SG-1 "Counter Strike" (N)		Stargate Atlantis "Common Ground"		Stargate SG-1 "Counter Strike" 1				
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos 1		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1		UFC 62 Countdown: Liddell vs Sobral		Live/Inside	UFC: Liddell	Disorderly Conduct: Video on Patrol		
TBS	Seinfeld 1	Seinfeld 1	Every-Raymond	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) 1		Every-Raymond		** "Turner & Hooch" (1989) 1					
TLC	While You Were Out	Cover Shot	Cover Shot	What Not to Wear: Baby on Board		What Not to Wear Reunion. (N)		Cover Shot "Dori"	Cover Shot (N)	What Not to Wear: Baby on Board			
TNT	Law & Order 1 (DVS)		NASCAR Pract. (45) NASCAR Racing Best Series -- Food City 250. From Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn. (Live) 1				**** "GoodFellas" (1990) Robert De Niro. 1						
USA	(4:00) *** "The Majestic" (2001)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent 1		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 1		Monk (Season Finale) (N) 1		Psych "Shawn vs. The Red Phantom"		House "Deception" 1		
VHI	I Love, '80s	I Love the '80s: 3D	I Love the '80s: 3D "Moonstruck" 1		** "Footloose" (1984, Drama) Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer, John Lithgow. 1		Celebrity Fit Club 1						
SPAN	TELEM UNIV	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemndo	Viuda de Blanco		(83) Tierra de Pasiones		Amores Merca	Decisiones		Noti-Telemndo	Boxeo Telemundo	
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) 1		Monday Night Countdown 1		NFL Preseason Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Philadelphia Eagles. From Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. 1					SportsCenter (Live) 1		
	ESPN2	Mike and Mike	NFL Yearbook	Tennis U.S. Open Series -- Pilot Pen -- Women's Semifinal. (Live)		Boxing Friday Night Fights. From Sacramento, Calif. (Live) 1					The Contender		
	CSN	Baseball Report		SportsNite 1		MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Baltimore Orioles. From Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore. (Live)					SportsNite (Live) 1		
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight 1		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now 1		Larry King Live "Project Runway."		Anderson Cooper 360 1			
	FNC	Special Report (Live) 1		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) 1		Hannity & Colmes (Live) 1		On the Record-Van Susteren			
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball 1		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Scarborough Country		MSNBC Investigates			
MOVIES	AMC	(5:15) ** "Hoodlum" (1997, Crime Drama) Laurence Fishburne. 'R'				*** "Enemy of the State" (1998, Action) Will Smith, Gene Hackman, Jon Voight. 'R' 1				(45) ** "Child's Play" (1988) Catherine Hicks. 'R'			
	TCM	(1:15) *** "The Naked Spur" (1953, Western) James Stewart. 'NR' 1				*** "Shenandoah" (1965, War) James Stewart, Doug McClure. 'NR' 1				**** "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (1939) James Stewart. 'NR' 1			
	HBO	(5:30) *** "Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith" (2005) 'PG-13'				Wire: Connect				Deadwood "The Catbird Seat" 1			
	MAX	(5:45) *** "Last Action Hero" (1993) Arnold Schwarzenegger. 'PG-13' 1				** "Roll Bounce" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Bow Wow. 1 'PG-13' 1				**** "Saving Private Ryan" (1998, War) Tom Hanks. 1 'R' 1			
	SHOW	Inside the Young Hollywood Awards		*** "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" (2004) 'PG' 1		Weeds (iTV) 1		Weeds (iTV) 1		Sexual Healing (iTV) (N)		Brotherhood Rose takes a new job.	
	TMC	(5:45) ** "Wicker Park" (2004) Josh Hartnett. 'PG-13'		(4:5) ** "The Big Lebowski" (1998) Jeff Bridges. 1 'R' 1		(4:5) ** "Saw" (2004, Horror) Cary Elwes, Danny Glover. 1 'R' 1				** Code 46 'R'			
	STARZ!	"Hitchhiker's Guide-Galaxy"		(1:15) *** "Zathura" (2005, Adventure) Josh Hutcherson. 1 'PG' 1		** "Christmas With the Kranks" (2004) Tim Allen. 'PG'		(4:5) ** "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis. 'PG-13' 1		(1:15) ** "Tango & Cash" (1989) 'R'			
ENCORE	Fried-Tomatoes	** "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" 1		** "The Forgotten" (2004) Julianne Moore. 1 'PG-13'		(3:55) ** "Marked for Death" (1990) Steven Seagal. 'R'		(1:15) ** "Tango & Cash" (1989) 'R'					

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LOOK out

* TRENDS, CULTURE, DISCOVERIES, IDEAS, PEOPLE

Travel

Closed Connecticut copper mine is a golden tourist spot

Entering the mine at Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine is like being hit with a burst of air conditioning.

A staircase leads to a tunnel more than 30 feet below the earth's surface and winds its way through the darkness, where the air is a constant, chilly 52 degrees.

"Cool. What's over there?" said 8-year-old Elijah Baker, his sandals slapping the wet basalt, where moisture seeps down from the ground above and slithers along the rocks.

The tunnels seem to go on forever in what is considered the birthplace of the American copper industry. Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine offers a glimpse into a Colonial-era industrial wonder, carved out long before there was dynamite, big drills or open pits.

About 30 minutes north of Hartford, Connecticut's capital city, it's not only the nation's first chartered copper mine but also the country's first state prison, a

place that once housed criminals and British loyalists during the Revolutionary War.

Even its history as a tourist attraction is more than a century old. It was opened to curious visitors in the mid-1860s. Today it is a national historic landmark.

The mine, established in the early 1700s, is made up of about two miles of tunnels, said Lance Kozikowski, the site supervisor. Much of the copper excavated from the site was moved along the Connecticut River and up to Boston,

where it was shipped to refineries in England. The red metal was used for many items during that period, from coins to cooking utensils to brass cannon barrels. Today, copper is used in nearly everything, from the electrical wiring in homes to car motors.

The mine in East Granby didn't generate enough profit and was shut down around 1770 after nearly 70 years of excavation. But as the mine was going under, copper mines began cropping up across the country. Eventually, much larger

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WHAT'S YOURS IS MINE: Visitor Judy Nixon looks at the ruins of the copper mine.

ed and the prisoners could sleep there and also generate income by working the mines. But by the turn of the century, copper mining had ceased to be fruitful and the prison turned to making nails that were sold to the general public, Kozikowski said. Inmates also produced whiskey barrels for a distiller down the road, fashioned wagon wheels as farming in the area burgeoned, and made shoes.

By 1800, the prison had built its first cell block aboveground in an effort to provide more humane living conditions.

In 1827, the prisoners were transferred to the newly constructed Wethersfield State Prison, a larger prison closer to the capital.

A Mighty Mine Vacation

copper deposits were found in states such as Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Michigan.

"By the time you hit the mid-1800s, all the activity was focused on the Midwest," said Ken Geremia, communications coordinator for the Copper Development Association. "It was a far more efficient and cost-effective area to excavate and mine the copper."

Down in the tunnels, remnants of copper ore can be found everywhere.

"Oh, there's copper on the

ground right there," said 9-year-old Joshua Baker, pointing out the greenish tinge in a rock to his cousins Elijah and 7-year-old Isaac, who live in Farmington.

The three bent down to look.

Their grandmother, 59-year-old Jan Baker, walked behind, following the racing echoes of their voices through the tunnels.

As criminal activity rose in the colonies, the need for a place to incarcerate criminals grew, Kozikowski said. At the time, the mine seemed ideal. It was isolat-

"Why do people come?" Kozikowski said. "They don't come to see a pile of rock in ruin. Some people are students of history and penology and they want to know about the early prisons and how they came about and how the prisoners were treated, but the vast majority of people, the first place they head to are the copper mines."

"It's unique," he added. "Where else in New England can you visit a copper mine underground? Nowhere. This is it."

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In Defense of Using the SAT

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS | George Mason University's decision to waive its SAT requirements for some applicants led us to ask readers Thursday whether colleges should continue to use the SAT in admissions. Commenter Terri had this to say: "Absolutely yes, they should still use both the SAT and ACT, in part of the decision process. I just don't buy all this baloney about the tests being biased or unfair. I grew up in a single-parent household in the projects, and I'm a black female. According to all these wimps whining about the SAT, I shouldn't have scored well at all ... yet when I took the SAT in 9th grade (sans Kaplan or any other test help), I scored 1390 ... more than enough

to get into most schools. ... If [you don't] know any English beyond what's said in popular music or do math that extends beyond adding and subtracting, perhaps college isn't where [you] need to be going." **MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)**

Customer Service

REQUESTS | A suggestion for Metro by a commenter named Jan: "I get on the Metro at Vienna. Since the train sits there for several minutes, there should be some announcement that says 'Doors will close in 15 seconds.' The only announcement we here is doors are closing and then they immediately close. Since the train DOES SIT THERE (unlike at any other station), a warning will



CAUGHT: This rider barely made it onto an Orange Line train at the Vienna station.

help the passengers and spread the people out to all the cars." **M.G.**

Eliminating the Idiot Box

EXERCISE | Blogger **DKKATASTROPHE.BLOGSPOT.COM** says having no cable has forced him to "take long runs in the evenings to fill the cavernous void that sitting ... in front of the TV on an idle evening had previously filled." If that's the case, perhaps

cable should be canceled for a good chunk of our obese nation. C'mon, do we really need "Most-Extreme Elimination Challenge" on Spike TV? Well, maybe we do. **M.G.**

→ Coming Up Today

Have you done well in local real estate? Why not cash in on Miami's hot condo market and buy into the Nicky Hilton lifestyle? Or not.

Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should teens need a prescription for the Plan B pill?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Should colleges keep considering the SAT in admissions?



As of 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Not a scientific poll

GIVE YOUR OPINION ON TODAY'S POLL QUESTION AND GET A STATION-BY-STATION BREAKDOWN OF HOW YOUR FELLOW METRO RAIL COMMUTERS VOTED AT READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP



"While this is a huge boost for the athletic department ... I hope Chevy Chase realizes that everyone will still refer to it as simply 'Byrd.'"

THEUPSTATELIFE.COM ON CHEVY CHASE BANK PAYING THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND \$20 MILLION TO RENAME BYRD STADIUM "CHEVY CHASE BANK FIELD AT BYRD STADIUM."

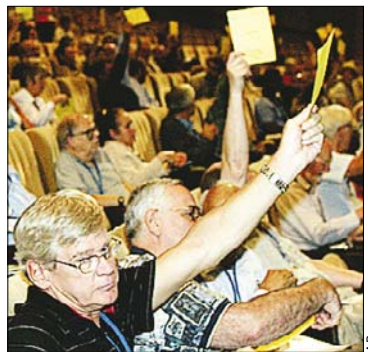
Date, What Blind Date?

"I checked out some pics of him, looks fine ... whatever, I don't really care too much about the 'date' — I get to go see Justin Timberlake for free!!! How crazy is that?!"

CITYSPARKLE.BLOGSPOT.COM IS EXCITED AFTER WINNING A 99.5 FM RADIO ON-AIR BLIND DATE CONTEST TO GO SEE JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE AT THE 9:30 CLUB ON FRIDAY.

"But for those who want to stay for the long haul, don't be concerned with price fluctuations."

METROCHOMES.TYPEPAD.COM/URBANTREKKER ANALYZES THE COOLING REAL ESTATE MARKET, SAYING IT'S NOT FOR FLIPPERS.



Showing off Too Much

"It's pretty cool to see Mariah outlasting various pop-star upstarts and music fads throughout the many years of her very successful career, but seriously. Mariah, when are you going to stop dressing like you're a slutty 16-year-old trying to get Daddy's attention?"

SOCIALLIFE.COM DOES NOT HAVE KIND WORDS FOR MARIAH CAREY'S SKIMPY OUTFIT AT A RECENT PERFORMANCE WITH JAY-Z AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

Poor Little Pluto

"Pluto always was the Little Planet That Could and now they're forcing him off the kickball field. Sounds to me like they just changed the rules to force out the little guy. Buncha bullies."

SHAKESPEARESISTER.BLOGSPOT.COM ON INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMERS VOTING TO DEMOTE PLUTO'S STATUS AS A "PLANET" IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM, WHICH NOW HAS EIGHT PLANETS.



Live Online

On the Marc

Post Metro columnist **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday at washingtonpost.com to discuss the George Allen gaffe, the D.C. mayoral race and former planet Pluto.

You seem biased toward [Adrian] Fenty. I am torn between [Linda]



Cropp and Fenty. I know Fenty's parents own Fleet Feet in Adams Morgan, so I think he will pay close attention to

the crime in my neighborhood, but to swing my vote to him just for that reason seems very self-serving. I share your misgivings about both candidates, but my sense of Cropp is based on many more years of close observation, and I have spent way too much of my life watching her fail to make things better.

When I first saw the front-page article about [Sen. George] Allen, I laughed to myself and said, "Guess we know who The Washington Post

is going to endorse, as if there were any doubt." This is a completely absurd story, but I suppose congratulations to The Post are in order, for getting him to dance around.

So your theory here is that when a U.S. senator appears in a public setting with an audience and singles out some citizen in the audience for ridicule based on his skin color, that's not worthy of mention as part of the news of the day? I'd like to read the paper you edit — once.

I'll bet you a dozen doughnuts that the parking spaces for the stadium that are to be in the residential housing [area] will NOT be completed on time, as per Mr. Lerner.

No bet — I agree with you entirely. Further, I'd bet two-dozen donuts that the area around the stadium will be one massive mess of a construction site for the first two years of the ballpark's operation.

It was a mistake Pluto ever became a planet in the first place. If we let tradition decide science for us, the world would still be flat.

You're not one of these round-Earth folks, are you? I didn't know they were still out there.



SAVE YOUR BRAS. You women will need them — to make a purse, duh. Following simple instructions on WIKIHOW.COM/make-a-bra-purse, and with a little glue, you'll soon be able to show your fashionable brassiere choices to the world, and have a handy place to keep everything from spare change to your makeup.



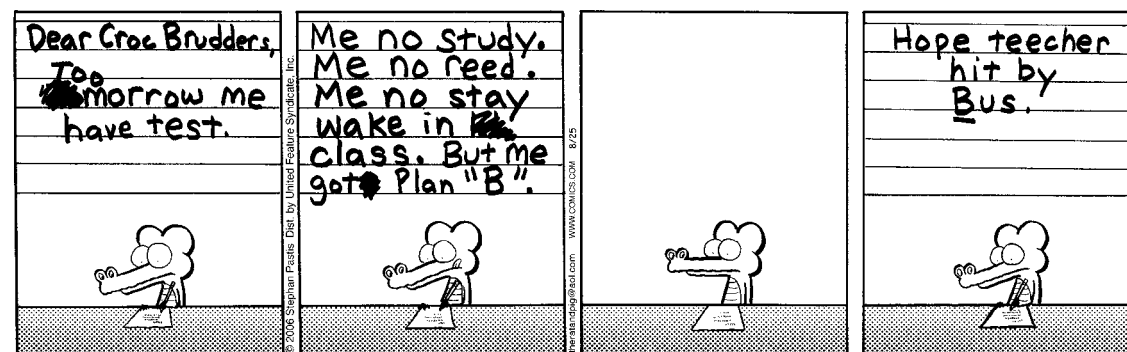
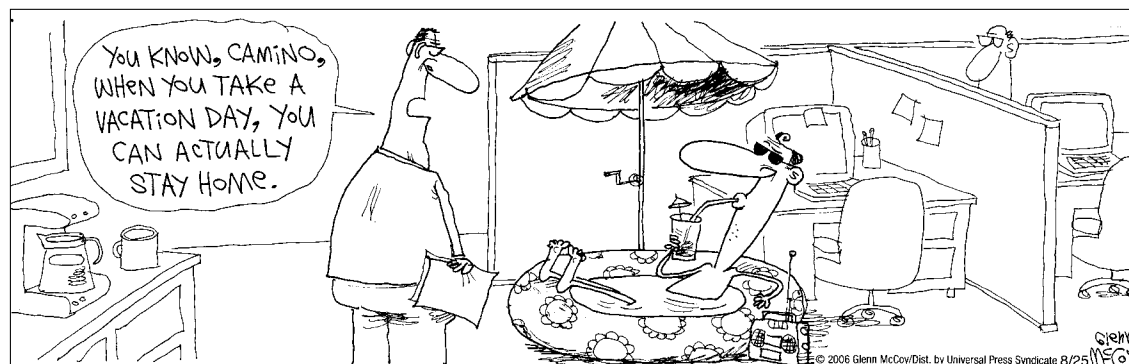
TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Washington Post staff writer Howard Bryant previews the Redskins preseason game at 1:30 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"I didn't make reservations. I wanted it to be a surprise."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your sense of freedom and independence is tied closely to the dreams you're having — not at night but during waking hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Some may think you are dangerous for following your instincts so faithfully and not giving way, but others are sure to find you an inspiration.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You'll have a decision to make that may be too much to face on your own. A loved one has the right idea, so share thoughts freely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may be feeling detached, but this should allow you the luxury of seeing things from a distance, more objectively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're willing to take a certain risk that may, in the end, cost you more money than planned, you can move more than one step ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Now is not

the time to gamble with funds you spent some time gathering. Guard against petty expenditures of all kinds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A message from afar has you wondering if you've put yourself in the proper position. Perhaps a minor adjustment is in order.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may not be able to communicate well with a Sagittarius or Capricorn native. Your differences are many; be patient.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take care you're reading the signs correctly and translating coded messages with care. You can't afford a misinterpretation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're more interested in the development of your own values than you had thought — and you may want to make an important change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're in the mood for some good old-fashioned care and devotion — and, fortunately, you know just where to turn for satisfaction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Discipline enables you to get far more done than you had planned on, giving you time to indulge in a dream that won't be ignored.

Letters

Metro Too Lax on Rules

I WOULD ALSO LIKE to know why Metro doesn't enforce the rules ("Metro Should Enforce Rules," Aug. 22). Once I saw a rider eating an ice cream cone in the station walk directly in front of a Metro employee and the employee said nothing. Another time, I saw a rider eating a bag of candy and dropping candy

wrappers on the floor. This time a Metro employee did something by asking the rider not to throw candy wrappers on the floor.

—STAN JOHNSON
Clinton, Md.

Correction:

A Weekend Pass article misstated that Ford's Theatre is offering half-price tickets to the play "State of the Union" at its "Snow Day and Open House." The offer requires the purchase of at least two full-price tickets to "A Christmas Carol."

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Today in History

1875 Captain Matthew Webb became the first person to swim across the English Channel, getting from Dover, England, to Calais, France, in 22 hours.

1944 During World War II, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation.

1950 President Truman ordered the Army to seize control of the nation's railroads to avert a strike.



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1981 The U.S. spacecraft Voyager 2 came within 63,000 miles of Saturn's cloud cover, sending back pictures of and data about the planet.

LOOK

out

People



RICHARD DREW/AP

Bubbly and fluffy beats stoic any day.

PROPHECY

Effervescent Cupcake Will Crush Male Nonentities

KATIE COURIC, who joins “CBS Evening News” Sept. 5, is better known than rivals Brian Williams and Charles Gibson, according to a new Pew poll. And while the word most often associated with the three was “good,” the list of adjectives for Couric included perky, cute, nice, energetic, bubbly and fluffy. (AP)

IDOLS

Bo Bice, Carrie Underwood Now Getting Strange Calls



Former “American Idol” contestant **MIKALAH GORDON** was “in a panic” but unharmed after being robbed at gunpoint in Las Vegas on Wednesday. Her mother said the robbers took a cell phone and \$5. (AP)



NEW YORK DJANSEZIAN/AP

MORE IDOLS

Slow News Day

KATHARINE MCPHEE, who struggled with bulimia for five years, says she’s not counting calories on the “American Idols Live” tour. “My diet? Because I’m on tour, it’s not very healthy,” she told Us Weekly. “But ... I don’t do any weird, disordered-eating things anymore, thank God.” (AP)



ARGH

The Law Cannot Contain A Celebrity

FOXY BROWN skipped a brief court hearing in Jersey City, N.J., Wednesday on charges filed by a former colleague, but a judge told the rapper’s lawyer that Brown should attend the next session. Brown’s lawyer, Brian J. Neary, told

Foxy Brown will be in court next time.

Judge Cynthia D. Jackson that Brown would be present to contest the two complaints filed by Rasheeda Ellis. During the three-minute session, the judge granted Neary’s request for a probable-cause hearing, which was set for Sept. 26. (AP)

COINAGE

Got Change for a Marley?

The Bank of Jamaica is releasing commemorative coins in gold and silver with the late **BOB MARLEY**’s likeness. The 1,000 coins, made by the British Royal Mint, are being sold



for \$100 each, a spokeswoman said Wednesday. “We’ve received quite a bit of interest already,” she said. (AP)

YET MORE IDOLS

‘Everyone’s a Winner’ Mind-Set Out of Control

Just hours after her contractual obligations expired with “American Idol” on Thursday, **AYLA BROWN** signed a CD recording contract with Double Deal Brand Records. Brown, 18, says in keeping with the next chapter in her life, she is calling her new CD “Forward.” Her debut single, “Know You Better/I Quit” will be released Sept. 12. (AP)



Coming in 13th should not permit her to release music!

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today

Partly sunny, hot

90°

Tonight

Partly cloudy

72°

Saturday

Partly sunny, hot

90° / 72°

Sunday

Partly sunny

86° / 72°

Monday

A thunderstorm possible in the afternoon

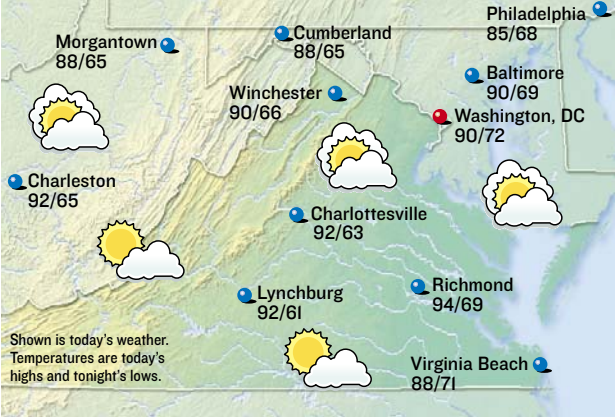
88° / 72°

Tuesday

Mostly cloudy, a thunderstorm possible

86° / 68°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High 91°

Low 71°

Normal high 85°

Normal low 68°

Average humidity 49%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"

Month to date 0.96"

Normal month to date 2.64"

Year to date 29.61"

Last year to date 29.11"

Normal year to date 25.46"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, hot. High 90. Wind south 4-8 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 72. Wind south-southeast 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:31 a.m.

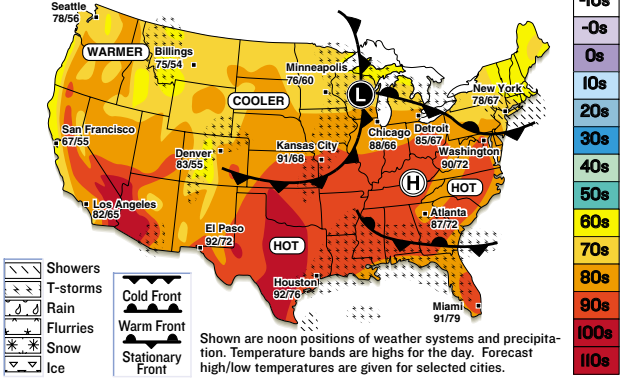
Sunset tonight 7:49 p.m.

Moonrise today 8:07 a.m.

Moonset today 8:43 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, August 25



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	Hi/Low 77/72/pc	90/70/t
Boston	66/56/c	61/56/c
Chicago	88/66/t	78/62/pc
Dallas	100/78/pc	100/78/pc
Denver	83/55/t	76/52/pc
Honolulu	87/74/pc	87/74/sh
Los Angeles	82/65/pc	82/63/pc
Miami	91/79/t	90/78/t
New York City	78/67/pc	72/68/pc
Orlando	90/75/t	89/75/t
Seattle	78/56/s	82/56/s

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Sydney	64/50/sh	63/45/pc
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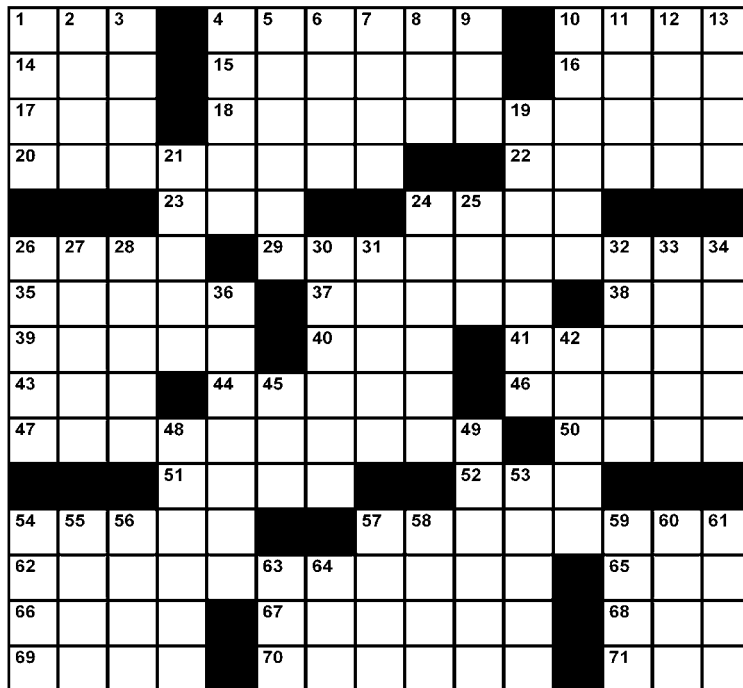
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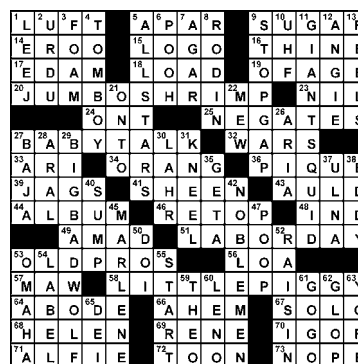
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face QA time

■ **Trophy dissemination is a bore.** The real action at award shows comes pre-prime time, when the stars flaunt their designer duds and chitchat with the Rivers family. Joan and Melissa will be marking their 1,000th red-carpet interview Sunday as part of the TV Guide Channel's Emmys coverage, which starts at 6 p.m. Expect them to shoot both smooches and snide remarks in abundance.

How do you two get ready for the show, fashion- and beauty-wise?

J: You get your Botox before, not after. But the dress is always last-minute.

M: People have this perception that every designer is trying to dress us. We're on TV for two hours. But we have to wait on everybody else to pass first.

Anything you'd like to wear?

J: I love more extreme couture. I don't like the flowy goddess look.

What trends are we going to see?

M: The big story of fall is layers, but at the Emmys, it's so hot. It'll be a lot of sweaty people.

J: You have to wear a color that doesn't show sweat stains. But even at their worst, the stars are

better-looking than 99 percent of people out there.

Anyone you're particularly looking forward to seeing?

M: The Desperate Housewives. They must plan together. They've never been in the same color, and they know what looks good on them. And Debra Messing is always so pulled together, and this is her last time to get nominated for "Will & Grace."

J: Sandra Oh — she's such a clothes-horse.

Who are you going to cringe over?

M: There's always someone who didn't look at their dress in the sunlight and it's see-through.

J: You're hoping and praying someone from a new show hasn't gotten a stylist yet.



PHOTO CREDIT

Joan and Melissa Rivers

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER RED-CARPET DUO

So is it the stylists who are making stars boring?

J: The sad part is that no one's individual these days except for Chloe Sevigny and Charlize Theron. Or Sarah Jessica Parker — she'll wear dresses that only she could pull off. At the Oscars, you could have put the dresses anyone was wearing on 32 of the girls. They just let a stylist pick everything. And every-

body's perfect. In the old days, they were hiding something, like Joan Crawford's broad shoulders or Bette Davis' big ass.

What's the last article of clothing you bought?

J: A vintage black dress with a stark, high neck and little tiny satin bows at the neck and at the kick pleat. It's just fabulous.

"In the old days, they were hiding something, like Joan Crawford's shoulders."

M: Two things. A Dolce and Gabbana dress. It's a silk floral print. And a new pair of Ernest Sewn jeans. I live in jeans, T-shirts, flip-flops.

You don't like getting dressed up?

M: I do, but I realized four years ago that getting dressed up equalled going to work. But my mother's version of casual is very different from my version of casual. She doesn't understand how I could leave the house in flip-flops.

Not a fan of flip-flops, Joan?

J: Oh, God, no. I just met a woman who broke her ankle wearing flip-flops. At least do it in platforms. Then your legs look fabulous when you go to the hospital.

VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

IN THE POST TODAY



Beach or Mountain?

Choose your ideal end-of-summer getaway as Weekend looks at the prime attractions of Virginia Beach and Snowshoe, West Virginia.

Also in Weekend: A new reason to stay up late in Silver Spring. Two spots for "guilt-free" pizza! Wet fun for kids. Plus, what's new at the movies, on DVD and in video games.

Great weekends start with the Weekend section. Get it today!

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Metal Pushers

A FEW YEARS BACK, Studio 54 metallics boogied onto bags and shoes. Now, they've hustled into home decor via trendy Chiasso's fall catalog (chiasso.com). Silver and gold vinyl ottomans (\$150) and solid or dotty pillows (\$48) would add disco dazzle to a neutral living room. Just don't be shocked when Mick Jagger and his posse show up at mid-night demanding drinks.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I'm finding that, as my 35th birthday approaches, I'm craving some really nice red shoes. OK, "nice" isn't the word. More like "hot"! Can you recommend some red heels, not more than three inches, that are super fantastic but not too "young"? —CAHDI

■ Manolo says, ayyyyyy! What better way to celebrate the birthday than with the new pair of the shoes! Of the course, as the Manolo's friend Cahdi has indicated, the "hot" shoes desired by the soon-to-be 35-year-old woman are not usually the same as the "hot"



shoes desired by the 18-year-old woman. One would worry about the 35-year-old woman who would wear the shiny plastic red shoes with the five-inch heels more suitable for the dancer of the pole.

Yes, most ordinary men, who are bedazzled by the shiny bright objects, are not so subtle as to notice the difference. But the truly "hot" shoes not only attract the admiring gaze but also please the wearer, giving to her the confidence and feeling of sexiness that most worthy men find alluring. Thus the Manolo would recommend this shoe, the Catchy by the Charles David (\$199, zappos.com). It has the ankle strap, and the ankle straps, they are always sexy.

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Our mysterious model wears a double French-cuff shirt by Thomas Pink (thomaspink.com) and magnetic puzzle cuff links from Chocolate Moose (\$28, details on page E6). Photo by Michelle Repiso.



3 A Fashion Fix-It-Upper

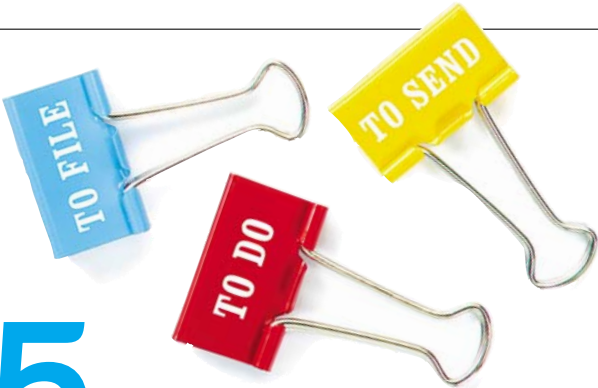
"TOOLS ARE REALLY SATISFYING shapes," said Los Angeles metalsmith Nicola Vruwink. "They can be cool and sort of sexy." Her new "Toolboxed" collection of sterling silver pendants (\$98-\$103, nicolavruwink.com) includes oversized wrenches, hammers, scissors and a fabulous, 3-plus-inch long saw. Not only does the latter look tough on, it could also come in handy during your next camping trip or DIY project. And guys, don't be jealous: Vruwink plans a macho line of lapel pins soon.



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Gin Blossoms

BRITS USED TO SPRUCE UP their gin drinks with a squeeze of rare rangpur lime, an orange-hued fruit found in India (and now parts of Florida). So Washingtonians can get all colonial with the local release of Tanqueray's new Rangpur (\$22) — it doesn't go nationwide until February. With fewer juniper notes and a mellow citrus flavor, it's tasty even neat.



5 That's Neat

HEY, ORGANIZATIONAL FREAKS, you can stop spray-painting your binder clips to match your color-coded folder system. Knock Knock's new No. 2 office supplies include the witty clips above (\$6.50 for eight), plus coordinating magnets, rubber bands, pencils, notepads, clipboards and labels, all at knockknock.biz.

2 Fun in the Oven

WANT TO GEEK OUT OVER SALAD DRESSING? The freshly launched Bakespace.com works just like that crazy MySpace all the kids love, but with a culinary focus. You can trade and search recipes, download coupons and participate in a monthly bake-off (which is really more of a recipe-off). Few members so far means pickings are slim, but we're betting traffic will pick up soon.



Smiling ladies with absolutely huge waves of bread want to be your friend at the newest food and cooking-related web site.

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House shunters: Realtors show it's hell to sell on "Million Dollar Listing."

TELEVISION

The Realtor World

■ Bravo made kooky decorators and moody fashion designers appealing. So it's no surprise that the channel's new reality baby, "Million Dollar Listing" (Aug. 29, 9 p.m.), does the near-impossible by creating empathy for the devils selling pricey real estate in L.A. Each ep stalks agents trying to unload upper-bracket homes. In the first show, sweet-faced, 25-year-old newbie Madison sells a \$3.1 million "fixer," while older, sadder blonde bombshell Shannon struggles to rid her meanypants ex-boyfriend of his castle. Views inside la-la land's ritzy mansions are neat, but it's the nuanced depictions of real-estate agents as human beings that'll make us tune in again. J.B.

PERIODICALS

Read the Very Best



■ If one peruses the new Hallmark Magazine hoping to score some choice aphorisms, one will be pleased: Page 19 sports a whop-

ping eight of 'em. (Sample: "Nothing says 'new mom' like a baby in a dry-clean-only sweater.") The bimonthly Real Simple-meets-Oprah-meets-Guideposts mag purports to help women "appreciate life's best moments," which, according to the premiere issue, include cooking herb-roasted potatoes with their kids, crafting magnets from fall foliage and giving seeds from their gardens to friends. What there's not: career advice, fashion spreads, gadgetry, celebrities. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)



↑ Silvery 1930s glass seltzer bottles glow again as bistro-cool pendant lights. (\$395 EACH, SUNDANCECATALOG.COM)



↑ Anyone looks hotter after a few drinks, particularly in a mirror made of wine-barrel bits. (\$595, MOSS & CO., 1657 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-337-0540)

→ Framed, old wine labels add ooh-la-la to a kitchen. (\$6-\$15 ANTIQUE PRINT GALLERY, 1639 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-338-4588)



Bar Keepers

Trashing spent shiraz bottles and Corona caps seems so last century. Recycling happy hour leftovers is both P.C. and pretty. Wine barrels morph into beds. Labels become art. "There's something European about the look," said Jackie Oliver Dunn of Georgetown's Moss & Co. "It's romantic. And it's an excuse to drink more wine." JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



↑ Sleep like a Coppola in a bed distilled from oak wine-barrel staves. (\$2,000 QUEEN, NAPASTYLE.COM)

← Repros of old hooch ads decorate funky wineglass charms made from beer-bottle caps. (\$17 FOR 6, TARTX.COM)

15-MINUTE D.Y.I. ►► A VINO-CORK WREATH TO SCARE THE NEIGHBORS

Wine Cellar Door Decor

■ Save plastic flower wreaths for gravestones. Don't hang a ring of greenery decked with smiley scarecrows or jolly Santas on the door—you'll look like a Hallmark-sale victim. A wine cork wreath not only says "I heart chardonnay," but it also looks stylish in a "Sideways" kind of way.

For the first round, er, step, you'll need a massive number of corks, probably about 100, to cover an 18-inch grapevine wreath (about \$5,



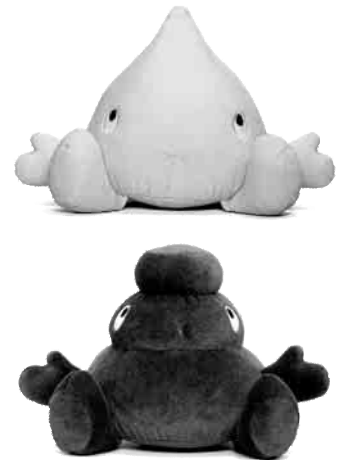
Michael's stores). Gather stoppers by uncorking several cases of vino or asking for extras when visiting wineries. It's also possible to buy corks in bulk on eBay, where it's hard to pay more than \$7 for 100.

Then, heat up a glue gun and lay the wreath on newspapers. Being careful not to incinerate fingers, squirt paste onto corks one at a time, affixing in horizontal rows around the ring. Be creative, interspersing retsina stoppers from a Greek cruise with Trader Joe's relics. But remember, hot glue and cold wine don't mix—no toasting your craftiness until the project is finito. J.B.



VANITY FARE: Replace your Motel 6-style bathroom sinks with fit-for-a-boutique-hotel models like Pottery Barn's new Classic Double Sink Console (from \$2,200) or Cottage Sink Console (from \$1,400).

what the
heck?



The No. 1 and 2 Gifts for Kids!

■ Japan no longer has the weird-toy market cornered (though Kogepan, an embittered, burnt hunk of bread who gets drunk on milk, still leads the bizarre parade). Wildly popular in Northern Europe are Swedish exports Kiss and Bajs, two winsome, wide-eyed plush creatures whose names translate into Pee and Poo (\$40 for duo, scandinaviandetails.com and peeandpoo.com).

These are not South Parkian gag gifts — or rather, are not intended to be. Kiss and Bajs are legit toys created by Emma Megitt, a recent design-school grad, to help little kids grasp bodily functions. (Figuratively, not literally, one hopes.) But really, is this so different from reading kids "Once Upon a Potty"?

The toys became so sought-after that a line of children's and adult clothing now exists, allowing Pee/Poo fans to wear the beloved mascots on their torsos, feet and nether regions. P&P underwear, naturally, displays Pee on the front and Poo on the back. Sweden is so enlightened! HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

Slinky Sink, Stinky Rug

Q We're redoing our bathroom, but I don't know where to get an attractive sink cabinet, like one at a boutique hotel! Any ideas?

decor
Diva



Tons of cool-looking vanity cabinets and consoles have recently arrived on the market. They resemble freestanding chests of drawers, with four legs and openings in the back for plumbing. Coordinating countertops and sinks come already attached, and many have pre-installed faucets, too. Have one shipped to you, then hire a plumber to install it — or do it yourself, if you're one of those tool-belt types.

For trad styles, try Horchow (horchow.com). Among its wares are

a mother-of-pearl-inlaid Indian-chic model and the fancy, French-looking "Biltmore," which would definitely recreate the Asheville, N.C., mansion of the same name.

Pottery Barn Bed & Bath (potterybarn.com) just released a line of clean-looking consoles (\$1,400 to \$2,900). Styles include a double-door Shaker vanity and a cottage-y white cabinet. All are equipped with tops in Carrera marble and undermount sinks.

For something lower-priced and unusual, head to Ellicott City,

Md., where Shoemaker Country (8095 Main St.; 410-461-5552; shoemakercountry.net) custom-makes cabinets from both antique and new wood. Prices start at \$300 for a small powder-room model.

Q My living room has gray walls and dark green carpet. Is there a color scheme that could salvage this space and render it tasteful?

Green isn't bad. It's the color of grass, frogs, Clive Owen's eyes — all nice things. Really, you'd be surprised what it'll go with.

Your green monster floors would be flattered by neutral-hued walls, like the gray that's there now, anything taupe, or yellow.

For curtains, pick up the green with bold prints — a geometric, like Kelly Wearstler's lattice (kwid.com), or perhaps a funky stripe. Keep upholstery neutral, using patterns to punch up pillows and accent pieces. Picking one or two complementary prints and repeating them on several pieces is a smart approach.

Black is a nice contrast to green, and could be used on wood pieces, or mixed in via fabric or art.

The final touch: houseplants! They will pull the green up from the floor and give the room a wonderful, indoor-outdoor feel.



Send home design dilemmas to Katie Z. Leavy, ASID, of Capital Design (capitaldesignDC.com) at decordiva@readexpress.com.

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Cool Stuff in the Rough

■ Architectural salvage — aged fireplace mantels, "Gone-With-the-Wind"-ish porch columns, beat-up garden urns — is so in demand that Crate & Barrel and Frontgate even churn out faux-weathered merch. Better, and probably cheaper, to go for the real thing at **EDEN AND FRIENDS** (39418 John Mosby Hwy., Aldie; 703-963-5913), the delightfully ramshackle country cousin to Adams Morgan's Da'da (1814 Adams Mill Rd. NW; 202-387-3232). Owner Carter Anderson scours flea markets, estate sales and random spots (barrooms, fields) for the beautiful and the bizarre: pediments to hang on the wall, metal window guards to convert into wine cabinets,



a fountain with lion spouts to plop in the yard. Staffer Peter Morgan even makes custom tables from local barn wood.

There's no sign on the old white manse-cum-shop; just look for a porch overflowing with rusty furniture and statues. "People dig through the place, and I think they want it a mess," said Anderson of his slightly sloppy, weekends-only treasure house (and yard) near Middleburg. "They take home both a piece and the experience of discovery." JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

event horizon

Dot-on-the-map Lucketts, Va., hosts its annual country fair Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Expect antiques and crafts for sale plus home-made ice cream and pie. Lucketts Community Ctr., Rt. 15, 8 miles north of Leesburg; 703-771-5281.

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➔ Sport links on the links with a vintage, hand-painted pair depicting a spiffy golfer under glass. Like many cuff links, these would look stylin' either under a sports coat or not. (\$65, CHOCOLATE MOOSE, 1743 L ST. NW; 202-463-0992)



➔ D.C. jewelry-maker Anya Pinchuk used resin and crystals to form these noir-ish beauties. (\$85, JEWELERS' WERK GALERIE, 2000 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. NW; 202-293-0249)



➔ Macho style mavens Jon Stewart and Carson Daly own pairs of Nathan Tim's Murano glass-on-steel cuff links. They're also popular with women. (\$395, NATHANTIM.COM)



➔ "Cuff links are an item that sets a man apart," said Ivan Gorman, owner of Dupont Circle's I. Gorman. This German-made, titanium and yellow-gold set screams "hip architect." (\$595, I. GORMAN, 1120 20TH ST. NW; 202-775-8545)



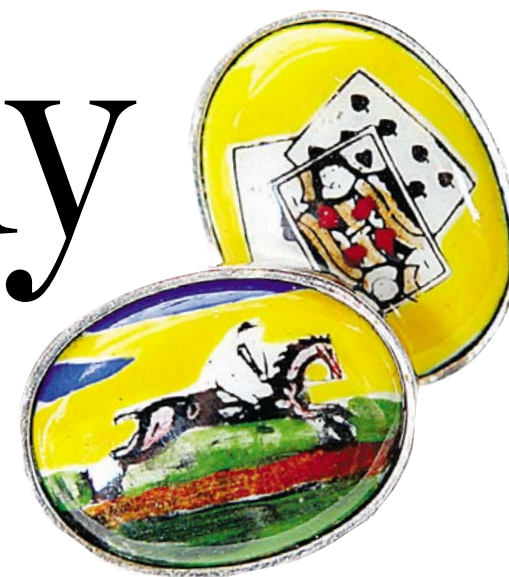
Cuff & Ready

In days of yore (well, the 1500s) dapper dudes closed shirt cuffs with ribbons. It wasn't till the Victorian era that dandies buttoned up with cuff links. Now these nuggets of sartorial style accent sleeves from the Hill to Hollywood. "They're a great way to express yourself," said cufflinks.com's Ravi Ratan. Find French-cuff shirts, needed to wear the links, at Thomas Pink stores or on Ratan's site.

JENNIFER BARGER AND KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



➔ Both Dunhills' ferocious canines and David Donahue's enamel-and-mother-of-pearl checkerboards would add snap to a simple shirt. (\$135 AND \$295, BLOOMINGDALE'S TYSONS CORNER, 703-556-4600)



➔ English men traditionally don double-sided cuff links like this "Vices" number; a chain connects the ovals. The other half of this pair is equally debauched in theme, showing a dancing girl and a bottle of champagne. (\$175, CUFFLINKS.COM)

➔ Crush, kill, destroy your rep as a dull dresser with robot links. The heads and limbs move, and everyone at the "Battlestar Galactica" convention will covet them. Puzzle fasteners, below, open so you can play with the magnetic pieces during Dilbert-esque meetings. (\$25 AND \$28, CHOCOLATE MOOSE)



➔ Summering in London? Impersonate a Notting Hill fop with a Pimm's Cup in hand and Codis Maya's enamel cuffers at your wrist. (\$150, SHERMAN PICKEY, 1647 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-333-4212)



Slight Club

Real estate is always at a premium in this area, and that includes condos, parking spaces and room in a purse. Whether you cram them into a cutsey clutch or corral them in the pocket of a mammoth hobo, these itsy-bitsy beauty tools are small as a 'squito, but pack an oh-so-fashionable bite.

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Rock the Rocks

To say that Ashley Taylor knows good jewelry would be an understatement. She's the granddaughter of renowned jewelry designer Ann Hand, and manages the eponymous Georgetown boutique. But even she was stunned after opening her 21st birthday present from her grandparents — a pair of diamond earrings from Asprey of London.

Since 1781, Asprey's baubles have adorned Britain's high society, with the

"They got them when I was born and waited until the day I turned 21."

firm's royal heritage dating back to the reign of King George III. Now home to the crown jeweler himself, Asprey makes Tiffany and Co. look downright common. Taylor's dazzlers weigh in at one carat each. And the gems were virtually vintage straight out of the box: "They got them when I was born and waited until the day I turned 21 to give them to me."

She wears jewelry from the Hand collection, of course, but rarely dons earrings other than her Aspreys. "They're certainly the most meaningful gift I've ever received," said Taylor. "And besides, what girl doesn't love diamonds?"

CORY OHLENDORF

peeves of the pros

PLEASE STOP: Male Self-Doubt

Whether shopping for a suit or a tuxedo, men seem to think they mustn't break certain rules of formal wear, explains Nik Moradi, owner of Professional Man Inc. (1619 K St. NW; 202-466-6255). Moradi believes these obsolete commandments — never pair stripes with stripes, for example — hark back to the stodgier 1950s and '60s, and are passed down from parent to child. "When something is outdated, it's stuck for a while before it disappears," he said.



Putting together a suit is not a science, but rather a process of trial and error. The matching of shirts and ties is particularly problematic for the skittish male shopper. Seek a salesperson's help, and experiment with different colors and textures before venturing further. Guys should simply trust their instincts, Moradi asserts. "When you hit the right note, the right colors together, you'll know it." CAROLYN STEEVES

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bash in a flash



Susan B. and Elizabeth Cady chill out.

Fight for Her Right to Party

■ ARRRRRRRRR!!! Is it a lion? Is it a pirate? No, it's the roar of woman heard 'cross the U.S.A. on Aug. 26, a.k.a. National Women's Equality Day. If you're a lady, skip the pillow fights and sextalk and throw an empowering party to honor the suffragettes of yesteryear. Ask cooperative male friends to dress as waiters and serve an elaborate dinner (they can eat in the kitchen) with dishes from "Don't Assume I (Don't) Cook — Recipes for Women's Lives" (\$10, now.org/store). Toast women's rights advocates, without whom the idea of "female voting" would be an oxymoron.

Afterward, sip whiskey sours (\$3 per pouch of mix, liquorama.net) — you're tough, but you choose to not drink your Jack Daniel's straight — while watching a hairless Demi Moore kick butt in "G.I. Jane," the ultimate cinematic love letter to fierce women. Once your guests are sufficiently riled up, play Pin the Ballot on the Hand of the Feminist using posters of Eleanor Roosevelt, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton (\$9 each, allposters.com). Rosie the Riveter will be exceedingly proud. MAYA SILVER

event horizon

Who cut the cheese only matters for a minute, but the fromage that started a war had more of an impact. Pony up \$20 to learn of historically critical cheeses at a seminar/tasting at Alexandria's Cheesetique on Sunday at 6 p.m. or Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. (2403 Mt. Vernon Ave., 703-706-5300)

➔ Rice bevs sold at Super H Mart include Hakushika Junmai Ginjo, Genbei San No Onikoroshi and Nigori Snow Beauty.



➔ Sake's foodie friends range from olives to seafood. Dishes, Super H Mart, \$6 to \$7.

Sake Hopping

Pour the rice brews of Japan for a cool bash

You know sake, right? That butane-warmed, sharp-tasting sushi sidekick served in munchkin-sized china cups? According to the experts, you've been drinking it all wrong.

"Sake has long been the libation without education," said Beau Timken, owner of the only all-sake store in the U.S., San Francisco's True Sake (truesake.com). Timken, who penned "Sake: A Modern Guide" (\$19, Chronicle), thinks misconceptions abound about the Japanese businessman's fave beverage.

Sake untruths range from the drink's origin (It was not, in fact, created when ancient Japanese virgins spat chewed rice into a bowl) to how it should be imbibed (not as a shot). But perhaps the most surprising thing about sake is that it isn't really a rice wine. "It's built like beer and drunk like wine," said Timken.

So what's the stuff we swill at Benihana? "Sake in Japan refers to all alcohol," Timken said. (What

Americans call sake is known as nihonshu.) "It's prepared by brewing milled rice, water, yeast and other ingredients."

And drinking the brew warmed up isn't always the right choice. "In Japan they do sometimes drink good sake warm," said Timken, but he cautioned against heating either cheap or sweet sakes — this spoils the taste.

Buying this "drink of the gods" in the U.S. has become easier in recent years. "Most Asian markets have a decent selection. There are even some from California," said Allen Smith, general manager at Sushi-Ko, a Glover Park restaurant that pours 11 types of the brew.

A home sake-sampling can be structured like a wine-tasting. But unlike vino, which is named by grape varietals, sake is categorized by the amount the rice grains are polished. More polishing makes for a purer product.

Sages recommend trying four or five kinds of sake; plan on a 2-ounce serving of each per guest. Timken likes to go from bigger-tasting varieties to softer ones.

Start with a Junmai sake, made of water and rice that's been 30 percent polished. Think of this as an

Asian table wine. "I'd start with it and move on to the better sakes, all chilled," said Suzanne McGrath of Arlington wine emporium The Curious Grape.

Continue with a Junmai ginjo. Aromatic, with floral and anise notes and a smooth, clean texture, it works as a good sipping sake.



"Sake: A Modern Guide" gives recipes for highballs like a Lemon Sparkler with sake, sugar syrup, citrus and bubbly.

Honjozo sake is prepared with distilled alcohol and rice. Ohkagura Honjozo (\$13, Curious Grape) tastes rich and creamy with nutty aromas and a sweeter, more full-bodied texture.

Finish up with a Dai ginjo, a combination of distilled alcohol and 50 percent polished rice. Try Nobu Diginjo (\$26, Curious Grape). This full-flavored bottle has an assertive, nutty aroma.

When pouring, skip the ceramic cups — they're meant for hot sake. Instead, use wineglasses, the vessel of choice at fancy joints in Japan.

HAVE A RICE DAY

America's only all-sake shop, San Francisco's True Sake (415-355-9555; truesake.com), can ship bottles to D.C. but not Md. or Va. Allen Smith, general manager at Glover Park's Sushi-Ko, likes the following local sources:

- ➔ Ace Beverage, 3301 New Mexico Ave. NW; 202-966-4444
- ➔ The Curious Grape, 4056 S. 28th St., Arlington; 703-671-8700
- ➔ Daruma Japanese Market, 6931 Arlington Rd., Bethesda; 301-654-8832
- ➔ Lotte, 3250 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax City; 703-352-1600
- ➔ Super H Mart, 10780 Lee Hwy., Falls Church; 703-352-0328
- ➔ The Wine Specialist, 2115 M St. NW; 202-833-0707

Curious Grape sells German-made sake glasses (\$17 each).

Instead of dishing up the obvious (sushi), go for savory complements like cheese, olives, smoked oysters or even pasta. "In Japan, they don't serve sake at sushi bars," said Timken. "They serve it with sashimi and grilled dishes." He also likes it with beef, game or duck — any dish with center-of-the-plate stature. His book also gives recipes for accompaniments like risotto with sake, hazelnuts and lemon.

You can also match sake types to specific treats, like Junmai ginjo with delicate seafood or palate-coating Honjozo with fried foods.

If guests are adventurous — and they aren't bouncing around like anime heroines by now — end the night with Nigori, an unfiltered, cloudy sake. It looks strange and milky in the bottle, but goes down sweet and smooth. Like its bolder cousins, this sake seems found in translation. MONICA BHIDE

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FREE RANGE ON FOOD

Sweet Stuff

We're having a going-away party for our friend this weekend and I'm making a cake. We all graduated from Virginia Tech, so I'm trying to theme it that way. I was going to make Kim O'Donnel's red velvet cake and tint the frosting orange. Are there any secrets to getting true colors from the food coloring?

— COLUMBIA, MD

No matter how you mix 'em, those four little food coloring bottles you buy in a box at the supermarket probably aren't going to give you the orange frosting you want. Try going to a specialty kitchen or baking supply store, where you'll find food-coloring paste in a wide variety of hues. The staff there should also be able to help you figure out how to get the cake color you're after.

I found out earlier this summer what fun ice cream cakes are to assemble. After a highly successful dinner party creation, I started wondering if I could also make individual-sized ice cream cakes for everyday treats, like maybe in custard cups. Does Elinor Klivans have any ice cream in her "Cupcakes!" cookbook?

— WASHINGTON, DC

Sure, custard cups/ramekins would work fine. Not sure about ice cream recipes in the cupcakes cookbook, but there are some in another of her books, "Bake and Freeze Desserts." Here's Easy Nutella Ice Cream Cups (serves 8). Ingredients: 1 pint chocolate ice cream, softened until spreadable but not melted, 1 cup Nutella,

2 pints coffee ice cream, softened until spreadable but not melted, and 8 whole toasted peeled hazelnuts. Directions: Have ready eight ramekins with a 5- to 6-ounce capacity. Spread 1/4 cup chocolate ice cream in the bottom of each ramekin. Drizzle two teaspoons nutella evenly over the chocolate ice cream. Spread 1/2 cup coffee ice cream in each ramekin. Smooth the top. Freeze the ramekins until the coffee ice cream is firm, about 30 minutes. Removing only four ramekins from the freezer at a time, spread a smooth layer of Nutella over the coffee ice cream. Place a hazelnut in the center of each filled ramekin. Freeze the ramekins just until the topping is firm, about 15 minutes. Serve.

Since I don't want to deal with ice cream desserts, any other no-bake suggestions? I have made a lime yogurt pie from Jane Brody's first cookbook, which is absolutely refreshing and delicious on a hot day.

— ALEXANDRIA, VA

How about a nice, cool lemon mousse? Or an orange Bavarian cream?

For the busy and calorie-conscious, a great icy treat is plain and simple frozen mango. Mango has a naturally creamy texture that it retains when frozen, giving it an almost ice cream-like texture.

— WASHINGTON, DC

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Catherine Agostini, Kevin Perren

Cathy, 38, is a contract specialist for DOC/NOAA. Kevin, 36, is a senior Unix systems engineer. They live in Silver Spring.

- **The Main Event:** A formal evening wedding for 200 guests in Frederick, Md., on Aug. 31.
- **How They Met:** At a salsa dance.
- **First Impressions:** "He looked too young for me," said Cathy. "The prettiest girl in the place," said Kevin.
- **First Date:** To a preseason Redskins game. "I had asked her out 50 million times before and she refused," said

Kevin. "This was the last time I was going to ask."

■ **How He Proposed:** During dinner with friends. "They starting giving us marriage advice and Kevin interjected all kinds of wonderful compliments about me," said Cathy. "Then he reached into his pocket and pulled out a little black box. I snatched the box—I think I said 'yes'—and grabbed my cell phone."

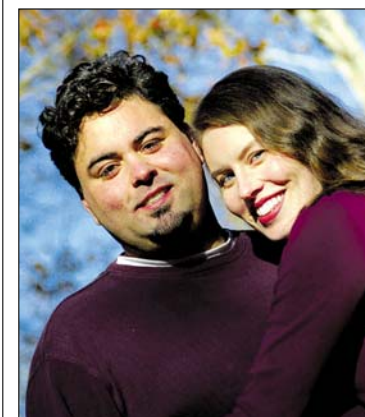
■ **Stupidest Fight:** Whether it was better to buy or make sandwiches.

■ **The Dress:** Cathy won the custom-made gown on eBay.

■ **Making It Unique:** Cathy's bouquet will be broken into three smaller ones, which the couple will present to Kevin's mother and grandmother, as well as Cathy's mother.

■ **Mmm, Cake:** A sponge cake; half will be filled with chocolate buttercream, the other half with custard.

"We broke up for a month and I couldn't stop thinking about her."



Emilie Bruchon, Marcus Cox

Emilie, 30, is an international relations specialist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Marcus, 31, is a senior systems engineer for BAE Systems. They live in Arlington.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal wedding and reception on Aug. 26 for 120 guests in Charlotte, N.C.

■ **Honeymoon:** A week at Emilie's grandmother's beach house in Wrightsville Beach, N.C.

■ **How They Met:** During their freshman year at UNC-Chapel Hill, where they both went to college. They chatted over e-mail before "meeting up serendipitously in a library computer lab."

■ **First Date:** Dinner at a Thai/Vietnamese restaurant, followed by watching "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl."

"We started talking as if we were planning years ahead and it felt natural," said Marcus.

■ **Pet Names:** "I will call her 'Emmie Sue' now and again, or make up anything in a Seussian-style rhyme with any of her given names," said Marcus.

■ **How He Proposed:** After Marcus prepared Emilie "a lovely dinner of some of my favorite foods. I was really tired from work, and we had wine, so ... it took me a while to realize he was proposing," she said.

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** "I want to have at least one French song at the reception to acknowledge my French family," said Emilie.

On With the Show

The Kennedy Center certainly has seen some great entrances. But the Aug. 26 wedding of **SONIA ARORA** and **RAHUL BALLAL** might top them all. The couple's Hindu ceremony begins on the front steps, where "the groom's procession, known as the baraat, will arrive by horse-drawn carriage," said Rahul. They'll take their vows at the Terrace restaurant, where Sonia will walk out to the music of Indian fusion artist Karsh Kale. Sonia also designed the cake, which sports mango icing and henna designs.

The couple, who met at Georgetown's M Lounge after being dragged out by friends, have updated the customary rites. Traditionally, "the bride is given away, has to be subservient to the man and often recites vows that are subordinate to the male's. We adjusted the words to fit two people, not man and woman, getting married," said Rahul.

Sonia, 26, is a physician and pediatric resident at Johns Hopkins University. Rahul, 29, is a Ph.D. student at Georgetown University School of Medicine. They will live in Columbia.

Jason Fraser, Alison Marian

Jason, 24, is a conference coordinator for the Tax Executives Institute. Alison, 24, is a coordinator for Conservation International. They live in Washington.

- **The Main Event:** An Episcopal ceremony followed by a reception for 175 guests in Kansas City, Mo., on Sept. 3.
- **Honeymoon:** A trip to Italy.
- **How They Met:** At a bar called "Fatso's" in Lawrence, Kan. "This really slimy

guy was hitting on me, and Jason, who I'd never met before, comes up and starts acting like my boyfriend," said Alison. "I even almost convinced the guy to buy us a drink!" said Jason.

■ **First Date:** To see "American Wedding."

"There is this one scene that made my stomach turn, and he's sitting next to me, his whole body shaking, trying not to laugh!" said Alison.



■ **How He Proposed:** On one knee in the middle of Dupont Circle.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Her uncomfortable shoes, because every

time she wears them and we end up having to walk somewhere, she complains about how her feet hurt."

■ **The Dress:** A white, A-line gown Alison bought at the Filene's Basement "running of the brides." "My maid of honor actually ended up finding 'the' dress," said Alison.

■ **Making It Unique:** Instead of favors, the couple will make donations to two of their favorite charities.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** "Jason plays goalie for the Washington Wetskins water polo team, and I can just see him getting slammed in the face a few days before the wedding," said Alison.



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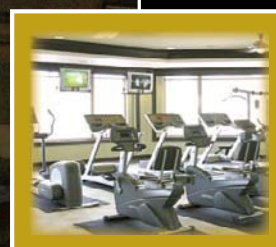
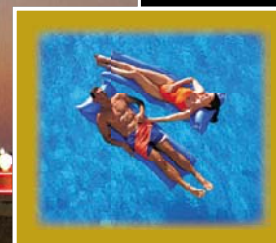
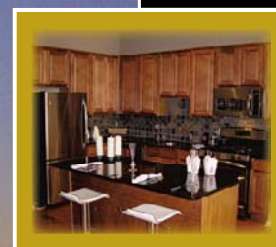
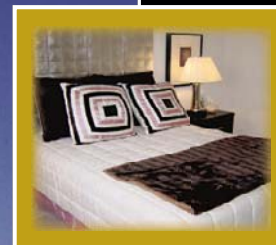
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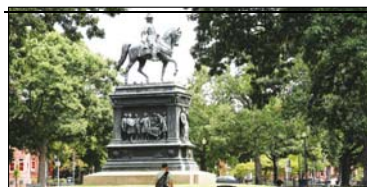
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Do-it-yourself condo owners transform kitchens and more

Switch on HGTV or TLC, and it quickly becomes obvious: Between the earth-toned paint-mad decorators of "Trading Spaces" and the hammer-wielding handymen and women of "Fix It Up!," do-it-yourself home renovation couldn't be hotter.

And while many of these reality shows focus on bold face-lifts for mega-mansions, the urge to rehab and redo has also hit local condo owners. From folks rescuing older apartments to new condo owners who simply want to upgrade their kitchens, these creative and often brave souls are discovering that



KITCHEN CONFIDENT: Pastry chefs Steve Klc and Colleen Apte rehabbed their Arlington condominium's cucina in 2004.

tweaking a small space also produces dramatic results.

Take Steve Klc, 46, a pastry chef and consultant who is on the creative team for Jose Andres, the chef behind Zaytinya, Oyamel and five other area restaurants. Klc (pronounced "Kelch") and his wife and fellow pastry chef, Colleen Apte, 47, renovated their one-bedroom condo in the Courthouse neighborhood of Arlington in 2004.

It's no surprise that they paid special attention to their kitchen. "Being pastry chefs, we were used to working professionally in very small quarters," said Klc. Through the rehab, he said, "We ended up turning [the condo kitchen] into a better pastry kitchen than either one of us has ever worked in."

A self-described "Ikea kitchen missionary," Klc frequented the mega-store's "as-is" room, where returned merchandise is sold for a fraction of the list price. "It's kind of like outlet shopping," said Klc. Limited by the sometimes strange

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merch that ends up there — partially assembled cabinets, chairs with ripped upholstery — Klc spent several months stalking the space to score deals like a \$1,200 Corian countertop for \$10. The chef couple used the money they saved to splurge on higher-end kitchen appliances.

One of those haute appliances, a GE Profile Dual Fuel oven range, turned out to be a big mistake. Klc and Apte found one of the high-end cookers advertised at Home Depot at a clearance price. They took that figure to Best Buy, and the retailer agreed to give them an even better bargain: \$950 for a \$2,300 stove. But after the stove was delivered, Klc realized that his new baby was built for a 220-volt outlet and his condo was on a 110-volt circuit.

"I knew Ikea cabinets; I didn't really know anything about electrical work," he confessed. Klc spent a week researching ways to make the stove work, but since the only solution involved getting approval



THE STEEL WORLD: Colleen Apte and Steve Klc combined high-end appliances with chic, cheap finds like Ikea cabinets.

from his condo board and calling in an electrician, he eventually decided it wasn't worth the trouble and returned the range, swallowing a 10 percent restocking fee.

Still, Klc and Apte couldn't be more pleased with their decision to

"There's a pressure when you have a contractor do the work."

STEVE KLC
CONDO OWNER

do it themselves. "There's a pressure when you have a contractor engaged to do the work. Time is money," said Klc. "If we got some design inspiration, I was able to pursue it and not worry about a change-work-order charge with a contractor," he added. Like creating cakes and pastries, he

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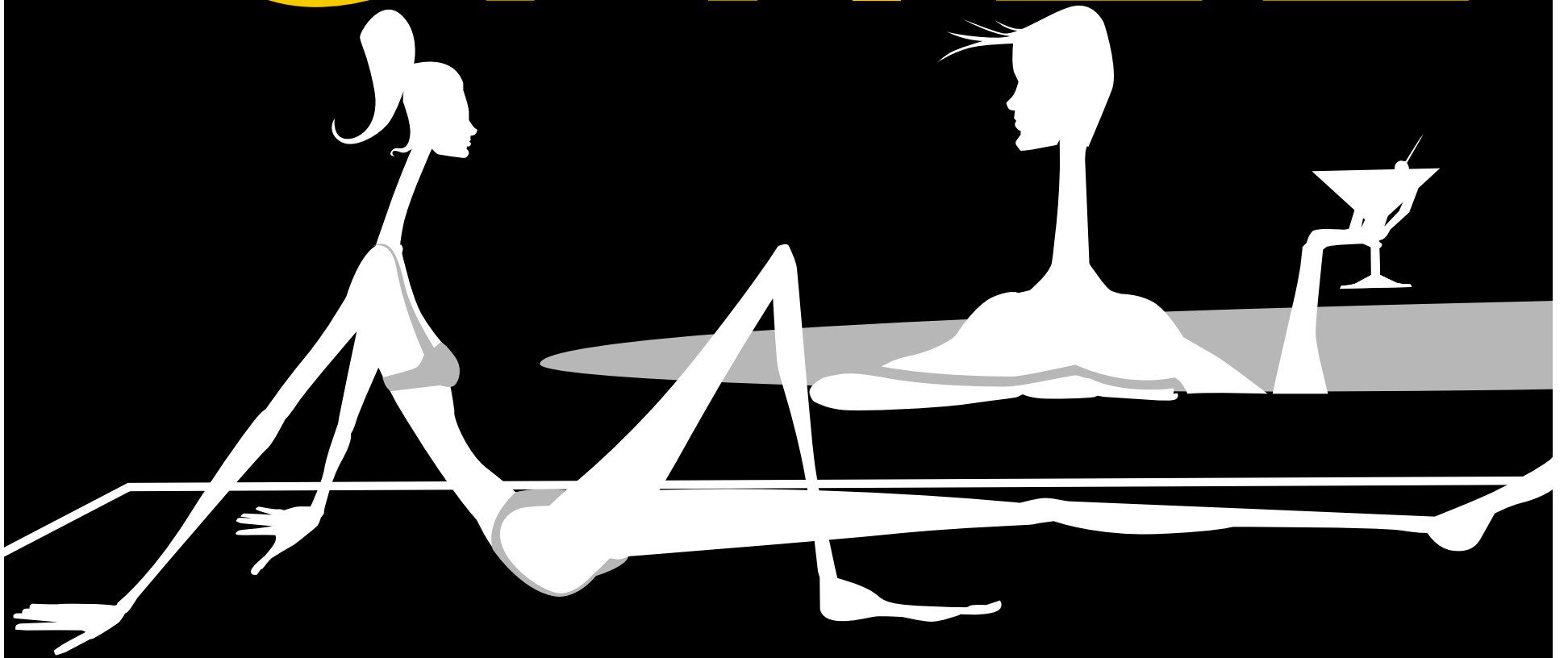
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TOOLING AROUND: Writer and do-it-yourself diva Julia Beizer uses this hammer and level as she and her boyfriend renovate their Mount Pleasant condominium.

10 Top Condo DIY Tips

Call this the apartment transformer's 10 commandments.

1. PLAY BY THE RULES. Check your condo documents before beginning any work. Seek board approval when necessary.

2. SHOP AROUND. Deals on appliances and materials abound online and in stores. The investment of shopping time could save hundreds of dollars.

3. ASK FOR ADVICE. Tips for do-it-yourselfers are available online, in books and at hardware stores. Talk to anyone and everyone.

4. KNOW THY LIMITS. Shelve thy ego and call in a contractor when dealing with tricky electrical

work, demolition or plumbing. If it might damage the building, call for backup.

5. THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX. Steve Klc, pastry chef and condo-redo savant, repurposed some Ikea cabinets he didn't use in his kitchen as window seats for his cats.

6. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. Warn those living nearby before a noisy round with the drum sander.

7. PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE. Triple all time estimates. These projects always take longer than expected.

8. APPRECIATE THE LITTLE THINGS. Replacing the thermostat, changing an air filter: the small tasks boost confidence.

9. DON'T SWEAT THE BIG STUFF. Home improvement is a skill like any other. It takes time to learn, so keep at it.

10. SAVOR YOUR SWEETIE. If renovating with a loved one, take design disagreements and building blunders in stride. DIY can be stressful, but at the end of the day, the person matters more than the project. J.B.

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said, the work was "entirely within your control."

Audra Miller, a 28-year-old medical student who just wrapped up a monthlong renovation of her Rosslyn one-bedroom condo, feels equally connected to her project. Through working on the condo, Miller said, "I've looked at every corner of the place and just have a much better appreciation for it."

Like Klc and Apte, Miller focused on updating her kitchen with new appliances and laminate countertops. She also spruced up the bathroom and living areas with fresh paint and new fixtures.

She picked up tips on doing these tasks from multiple sources: staffers at Home Depot, her building's engineer and her handy parents. A recently renovated condo in Miller's complex proved especially inspirational because its layout was identical to that of her own pad. "One of the advantages, being in a condo, is that you can see what other people have done," she said. "They've run across the same problems that you have. You can see how they solved them."

A big motivation for Miller, and many other condominium makeover masters: upping the resale value of her place. But she said

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she is also pleased with how much she has learned about construction through the process. "I never knew it was so simple to put in a dimmer switch," she said.

She also installed new kitchen cabinets — a task that proved especially tricky due to the construction of her building. She couldn't find the vertical wooden beams that hold up the wall, known as studs, on which to hang the cabinets. "It seemed like a ghost wall," she said. It wasn't until the building's engineer told her that her terra-cotta walls were held up by horizontal slats that she was able to finish her kitchen.

Because she only had a month to work on the apartment before starting medical school, Miller opted not to knock down any walls. Such a drastic change would have required approval from her condo board, often the bane of do-it-your-

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self condo dwellers. Considering all of the neighbors who could be affected by one misplaced sledgehammer, restrictions on the kinds of work that can be done inside condo units and who can do it are not uncommon.

Sarah Kenny, a 36-year-old government employee who is vice president of the condo board in her Adams Morgan building, said that, in her building, owners must seek approval for renovations before beginning any work that "intrude[s] upon the existing walls." Laying new tile over existing tile is okay, but board approval is a must if the owner wants to rip out the existing tile first. Nearly all projects get the go-ahead, but owners in Kenny's building must hire contractors for plans that go beyond cosmetic changes, such as installing new light fixtures.

"We don't let people do this work by themselves," she said. Only contractors who are licensed in D.C. and can provide evidence of workers' compensation insurance can work in Kenny's building. Rules

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When installing a cool new kitchen in their Courthouse, Arlington, one-bedroom condo, pastry chefs Colleen Apte and Steve Klc went for details like this cat tile.

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differ from condo to condo, but many other D.C. buildings have similar requirements.

Kenny recently completed her own condo renovation, a significant project that involved tearing down a wall to combine her one-bedroom condo with a neighboring studio she had purchased earlier. Kenny thinks that she and her husband, Michael Rabasco, may have been able to tackle some of the redo's smaller tasks, but thinks the contractor's work was superior to anything they could have achieved. "We don't have the skills," she said.

When the real estate market was particularly strong in 2003, Sterling Ashby faced little resistance from the board at his Adams Morgan condominium. "At the time, everyone was just so excited where the prices were headed," he said.

Ashby, an attorney in his 30s, wasn't looking to do anything drastic to his place, just fix it up to sell. He removed a disco-era mirrored closet door and, with the help of a handyman, painted the walls white and installed wood floors. He also took down some window treatments

to let in more light and moved many of his belongings to storage to cut clutter. He had tried to sell his two-level, two-bedroom condo several months before he made these changes, but without any luck. These small tweaks — which he estimated cost \$6,000 — translated into a \$60,000 increase in his ultimate selling price.

But that was 2003. These days, a renovation securing a higher selling price is not such a sure thing. According to Dan Melman, a real estate agent with Melman and Molik, a division of W.C. & A.N. Miller Realtors, buyers certainly do look for wood floors, good lighting and updated kitchens and bathrooms, but price and location reign supreme in today's cooling market.

That news shouldn't discourage would-be do-it-yourselfers. Melman suggests making improvements to a condo that you'll appreciate as an owner, not just as a seller. "You're going to get most of your dollars back [when selling after a renovation]," he said. "Might not be all of them, but you'll get some enjoyment out of it, too." JULIA BEIZER



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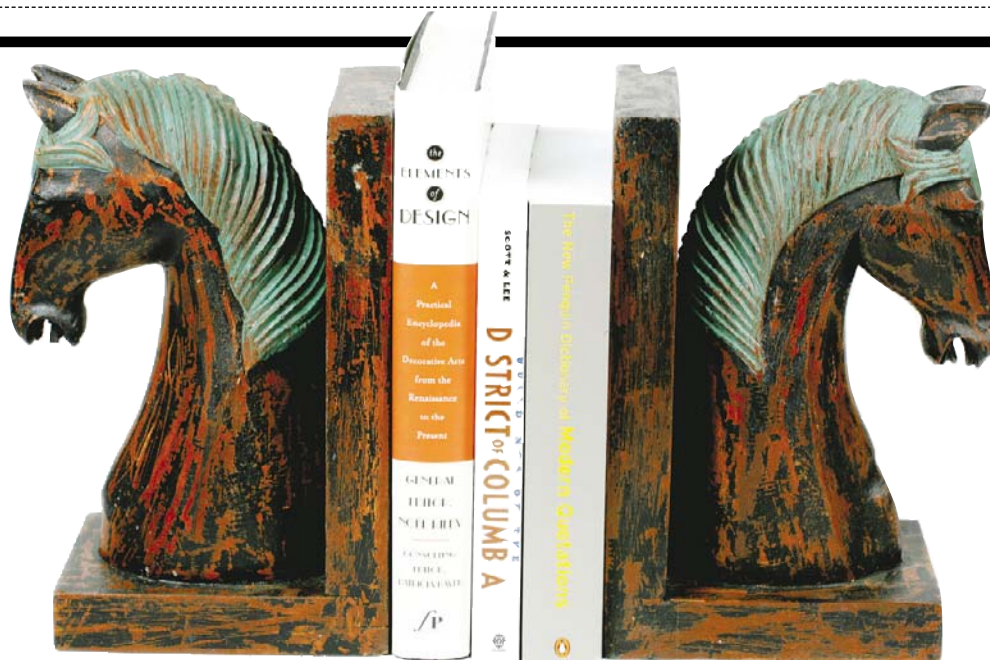
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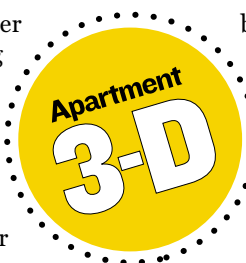


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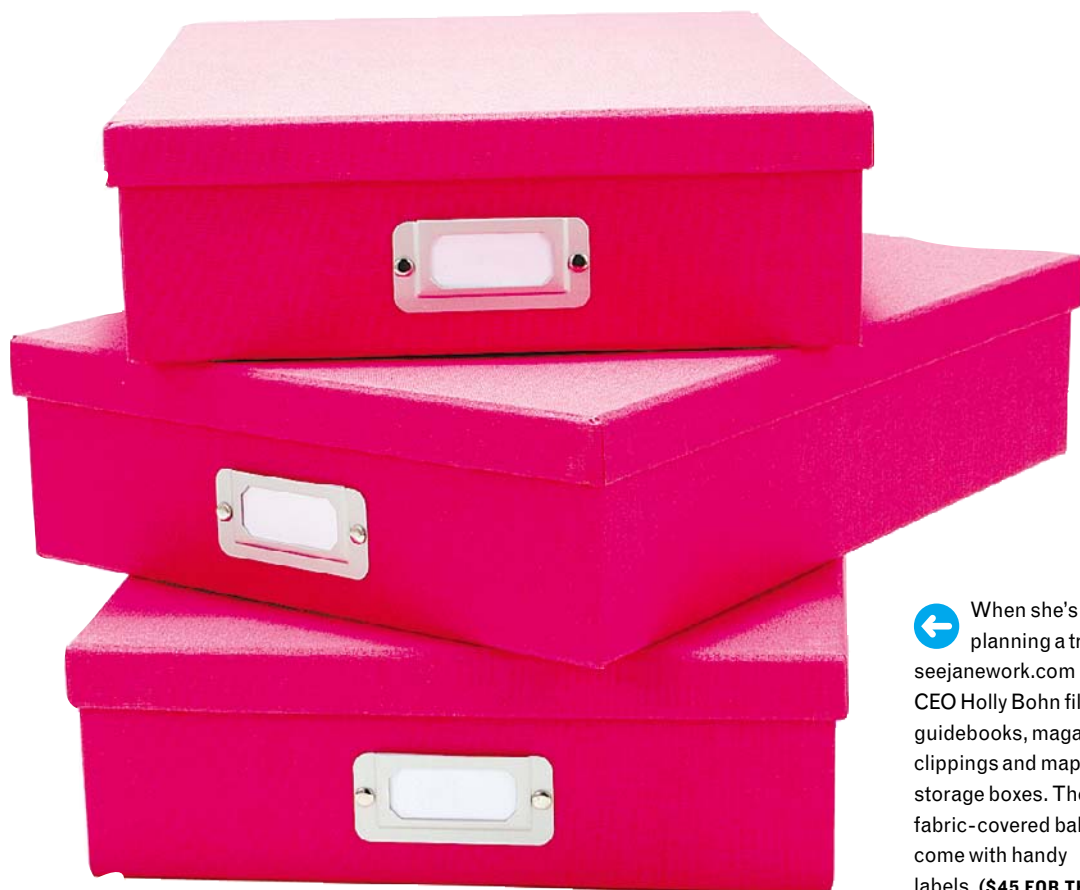
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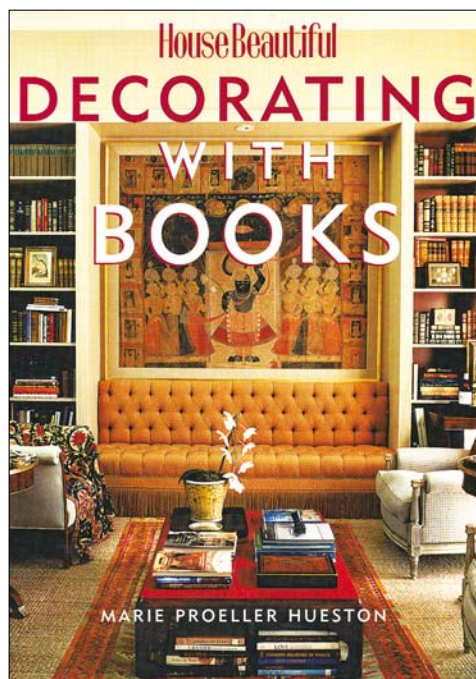
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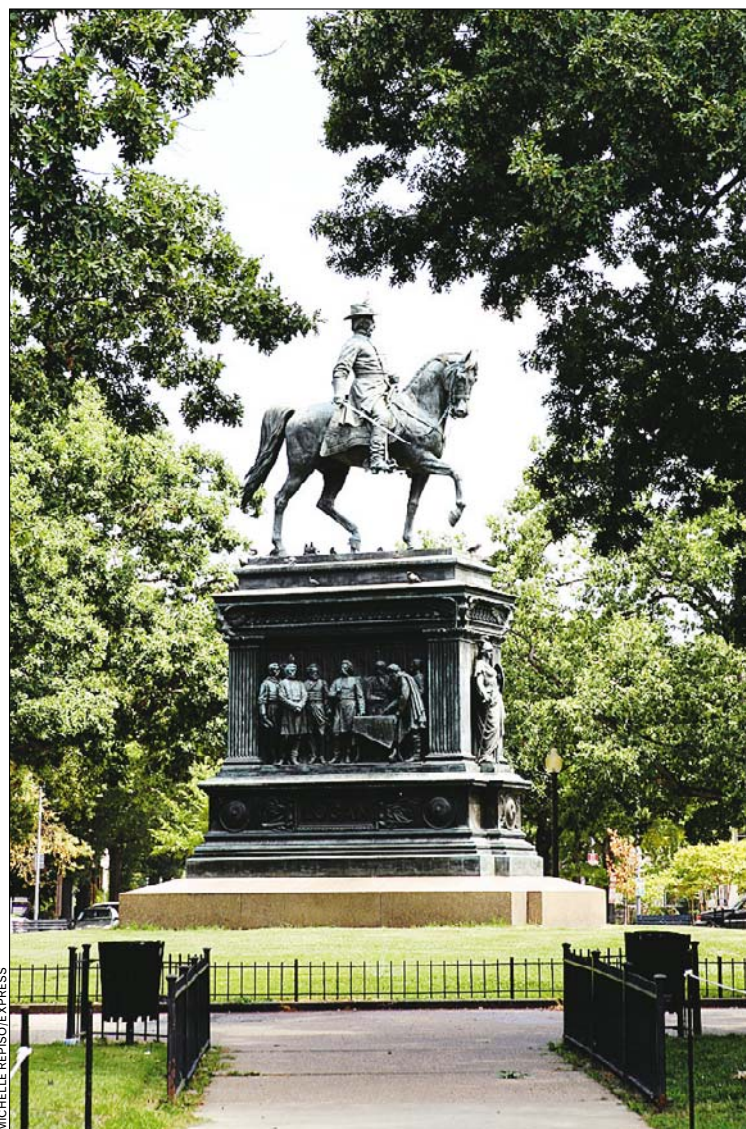
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If the statue of Union Maj. Gen. John Logan at Vermont and 13th streets Northwest could speak, it would have a long and complex story to tell. The neighborhood surrounding the statue, Logan Circle, appeared in Pierre L'Enfant's original 1791 plans for the District, though it was then known as 13th Street Circle.

In the two-plus centuries since, this close-in 'hood has become known for its confluence of upper-, middle- and working-class residents. It's busiest drag, 14th Street Northwest, has served as a commuter route since the early days of car travel, and was even known as "Auto Row" during the early 20th century.

These days, the Victorian-architecture-filled zone could be called Condo Central, with loft-apartment buildings going up on what seems like every block. And

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WINDOW GAWKING: Contemporary furnishings emporiums like Vastu and Muleh line 14th Street Northwest, hawking everything from teak platform beds to steel tables.

it's no wonder people want to lay down urban roots here: Some of D.C.'s hippest cafes, shops and theaters line 14th Street Northwest and surrounding blocks.

But Logan Circle wasn't always this bustling and cool. The neighborhood suffered in the decades following the 1960s race riots, becoming a zone better-known for drug dealers and prostitutes than its fine Victorian architecture. But as areas to the west (Dupont Circle, Georgetown) became too pricey and developed, Logan Circle once again became a desirable zone. "Neighborhoods to the south, west and north of Dupont Circle were all already well-established at that time, and Logan's close-in location made it an obvious choice for developers," said Shawn Breck, a sales associate for Martin & Jeff real estate.

"Logan Circle remains a trend-setting market due to the smaller boutique-style buildings and location," said Mark Franceschi, an analyst for a market research company in Alexandria. Logan's proximity to

downtown, Dupont, U Street and the business districts of McPherson Square and K Street make it attractive to professionals looking to live close to work. Residents and business owners also cite the appeal of

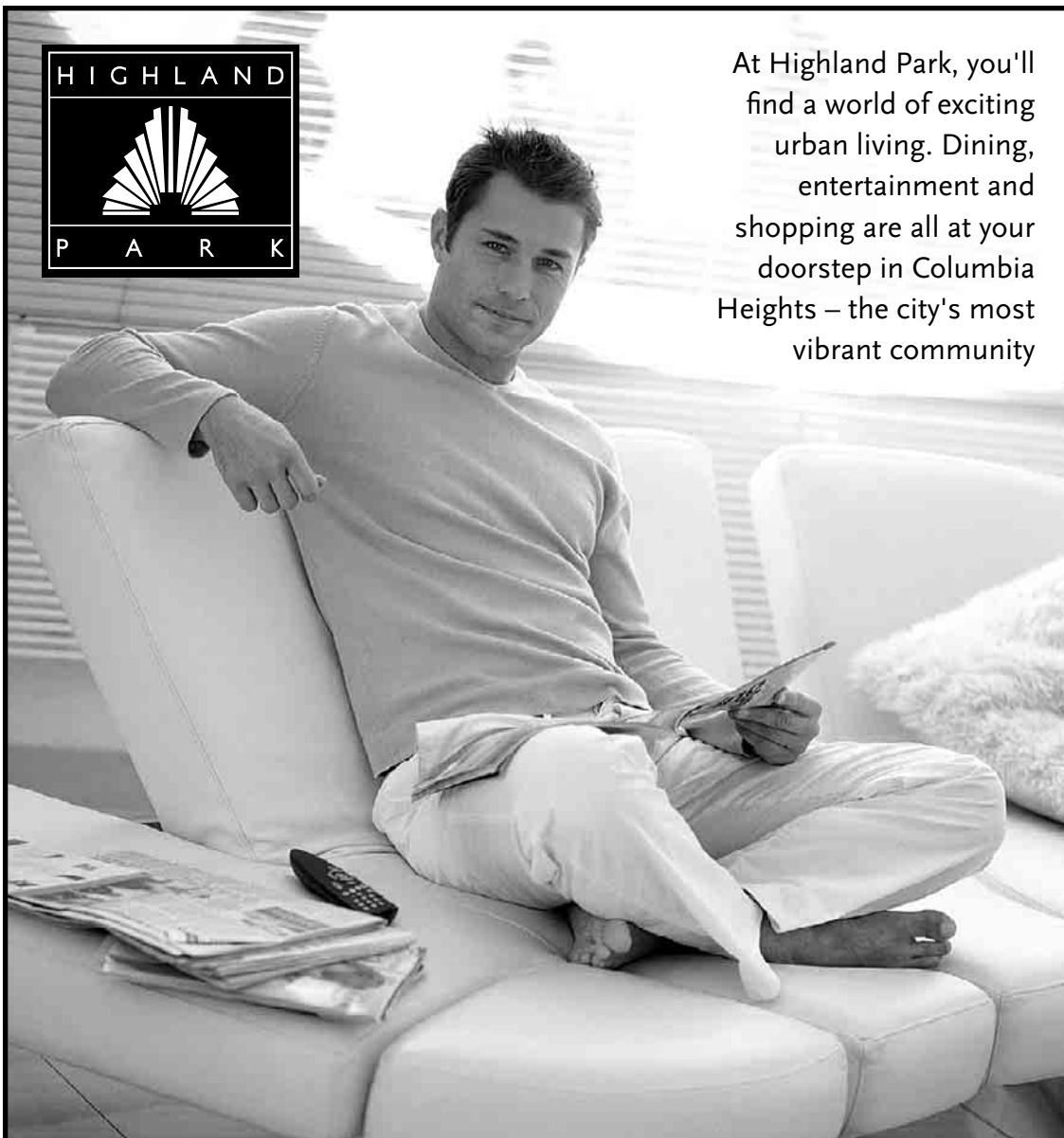
"It's such a changing neighborhood, and people are invested in it."

JENNIFER TROCK
LOGAN CIRCLE COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

the Whole Foods grocery on P Street Northwest, which has become an ad-hoc town center for everyone from taxi drivers to moms and kids on play dates. Plus there are countless other city-cool shops and restaurants.

But architecture may be what truly sets the area apart. Late 19th-century town houses, the

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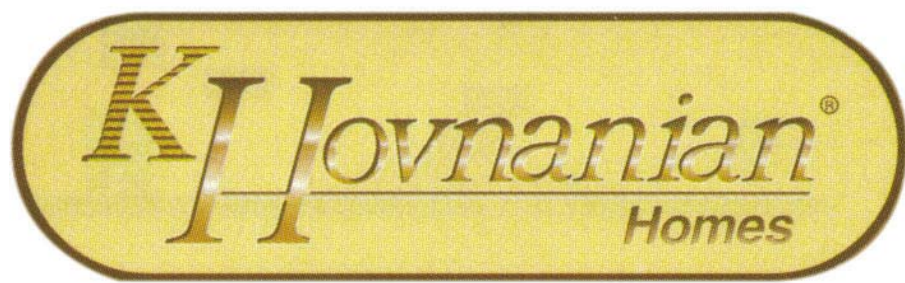


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finest of which ring the circle itself, now mingle with modernist lofts and early 20th-century storefronts. "Washington, as a city, just has such great bones," said Scott Pannick, president of Metropolis Development, the company behind the condo complexes the Metropole and the Cooper Lewis, two hot properties on P Street Northwest between 14th and 15th streets. "Much of the original architecture is intact, and restoring the existing buildings has been paramount in the neighborhood's renaissance."

This rampant gentrification — and Logan Circle's increasing prestige as an address — has blurred the boundaries of the neighborhood, especially to the east. But the Logan Circle Community Association (LCCA) continues to define the neighborhood as the area between 10th and 16th streets Northwest, running north-south from S to O streets.

And condos, many of them quite luxe, have been a big part of Logan's rebirth. Take the Metropole, Metropolis Development's latest venture at 1515 15th St. Northwest. Metropolis has designed other area buildings, but the Metropole may be the showiest, with its illuminated glass tower rising at 15th and P streets Northwest. Among the amenities: an interior courtyard, full concierge service, the on-site, state-of-the-art gym Vida, and guest suites for out-of-town friends and family of residents. Developers hope these perks make the building stand apart from its many, many neighbors.

"It's a changing marketplace. Buyers today are more able to differentiate between different developers and different products," said Pannick. "Originally, the focus was on the fact that 14th Street was a bit edgy and cool. Now we're dealing with a more sophisticated marketplace. Every unit has got to have a 'wow' factor."

And like many newer projects, the Metropole trends away from the loft apartments which originally appeared in the neighborhood, said Pannick. "We're headed toward more traditional layouts. What we're going to go toward is buildings that have smaller units and more amenities — more public spaces, things like that. We think people are a little past the loft concept." Metropole offers 630- to 2,400-square-foot units, which are available as single-

Playing a Role in Real Estate

The Studio Theatre buys condos in area that it helped revive

Studio Theatre will spend \$4.5 million to purchase housing in order to give its visiting artists and apprentices free accommodations in increasingly expensive Logan Circle.

The new initiative, called Artists Next Door, has already raised \$2.5 million, much of it a gift from Robert and Arlene Kogod.

Finding affordable housing has always been a challenge for artists, but it is even more difficult in the area near Studio, where real estate prices have soared. "After a pilot apprentice program last year, we had a retreat. The participants told us they were suffering because of the cost of living," said Joy Zinoman, the theater's founding artistic director. "Only people who had some kind of independent income could take these apprenticeships."

and two-story floor plans. Prices began in the \$300s, with the first units delivering in 2007.

Other showy developments include The Matrix (1529 14th St. NW), a rehabbed building from the Holladay Corporation that will bring more retail to 14th Street on its lower floors. Residents get to live behind a historic facade in 44 units with ultra-mod appliances and floor plans. Prices range from the \$400s to the \$700s for 700- to 1,700-square-foot flats. For even fewer neighbors, Logan Row, in the 1400 block of 11th Street Northwest, boasts only 28 units in a complex that merges renovated historic buildings with new construction.

One of the first companies to start putting up condo complexes in Logan in the early 1990s was Abdo Development. "It had a real stigma attached to it," said Jim Abdo, president and CEO of Abdo. "Logan Circle was an area of significant transition, and there wasn't a lot of confidence in this area. My vision was to re-establish the housing and the retail corridor."

Abdo, in particular, began renovating the vacant space already



Located in a redone, early 20th-century auto showroom, Studio Theatre helped make Logan Circle a hot neighborhood. Now the company wants to buy some condos.

In addition, hotel prices in the neighborhood had skyrocketed and were straining the theater's budget. Studio was spending about

\$150,000 a season on housing for artists. "At one time, the out-of-town artists could stay in the little hotels and we could rent small

apartments. But now the hotels are \$200 a night," Zinoman said.

Ironically, Studio has been a catalyst in the revival around its headquarters at 14th and P streets Northwest. With Studio's own conversion of commercial properties and an influx of galleries and stores, the area became popular.

To solve its housing problem and get an additional foothold in the area, Studio officials intend to buy one property in addition to a six-apartment building on Corcoran Street Northwest that they recently purchased. The theater already owned four condominium units before launching the initiative.

The remaining \$500,000 of the Kogod gift will go to an "artistic reserve fund," which Zinoman said will finance projects outside the normal budget. "For example, Neil LaBute, the playwright of 'Fat Pig,' is writing a world premiere for us. Now we could have a residency for him," said Zinoman. JACQUELINE TRESKOTT (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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available, mostly repurposing early 20th-century townhouses and apartment buildings. Condo projects included The Willison (1425 Rhode Island Ave. NW) and The Ashton and The Dalton (both at 14th and Q streets Northwest). Like a sign of things to come, ragged, often-

decrepit buildings morphed into sleek lofts.

These redos were all part of an attempt to balance historic preservation with the growing market for urban living spaces fed by yuppies, empty nesters and gay couples. "We didn't want to just

build residences or businesses; we wanted to build communities," said Abdo. "Gentrification doesn't have to be an evil thing. It can be a good thing provided there's an inclusive approach. That means jobs and opportunities for small businesses."

This ability to renovate "found space," as Studio Theatre Artistic Director Joy Zinoman calls it, is why her then-upstart theater company moved into a shabby warehouse on Church Street in 1980, converting it from a hot-dog cart storage center into a performance space.

These days, Studio is far from fledgling. Its sleek, glass-walled four-theater venue in a former auto showroom sits at the corner of 14th and P streets Northwest, a kind of cultural capstone to the ever-more-artsy neighborhood. "We're a deeply urban theater and the building is a reflection of that," said Zinoman.

Zinoman and her fellow theater folks were really the first organizations back on the block after the 1960s riots. Groups that made their homes here included the Woolly

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Mammoth Theatre Company (now relocated to Penn Quarter) and the now-defunct, fringy Source Theatre. The latter's black-box building at 1835 14th St. NW was recently saved from being converted into a pool hall by the Cultural Development Corporation, a local arts advocacy group that plans to run it as a performance center.

Living in a zone that mingles fresh complexes with older businesses and architecture appeals to many residents. "There are a lot of other neighborhoods that are being developed and coming up, but this neighborhood is particularly appealing because of the new mixed with old," said Philippa Hughes, 37, who bought a condo in the Metro complex on Church Street in December 2003, moving in when the building was finished in late 2004.

That melting-pot feel also means home-decor businesses are opening up almost as fast as developers put up "for sale" signs. Last year, Kimberly Hessler relocated her Reston, Va.-based Asian

Adventures in Cafe-Hopping

Cafe Saint-Ex and Bar Pilar tout fusion food and cozy cool

French aviator/author Antoine de Saint-Exupery cut a dashing figure. So it doesn't seem surprising that one of Logan Circle's buzziest restaurants, Cafe Saint-Ex (1847 14th St.) takes its inspiration from the adventurous dude who penned "The Little Prince" and zipped around the world in a biplane.

The worldly spirit of its namesake pulses through the joint, from the Franco-American bistro food (pea-shoot salad, fried green tomato



Cafe Saint-Ex occupies a Victorian building, but its modern American cooking seems up-to-the-second. Specialties include beet salad and Belgian beer.

sandwiches) to the Belgian-brew-heavy beer list. Downstairs, travel signs and old movie theater seats fill the basement-level Gate 54, where the young and fashionable flirt and jam to DJs on weekend nights.

While tables are in high demand during brunch, the spot feels like "Cheers" on weeknights. "I like the friendly atmosphere and the beer on tap," said Arlington's Gary Kennedy, who works nearby.

Saint-Ex's popularity led owner Mike Benson to open Bar Pilar (1833 14th St. NW). And yeah, Ernest Hemingway, another sophisticated man of letters, inspired this spot, too. JENNIFER BARGER

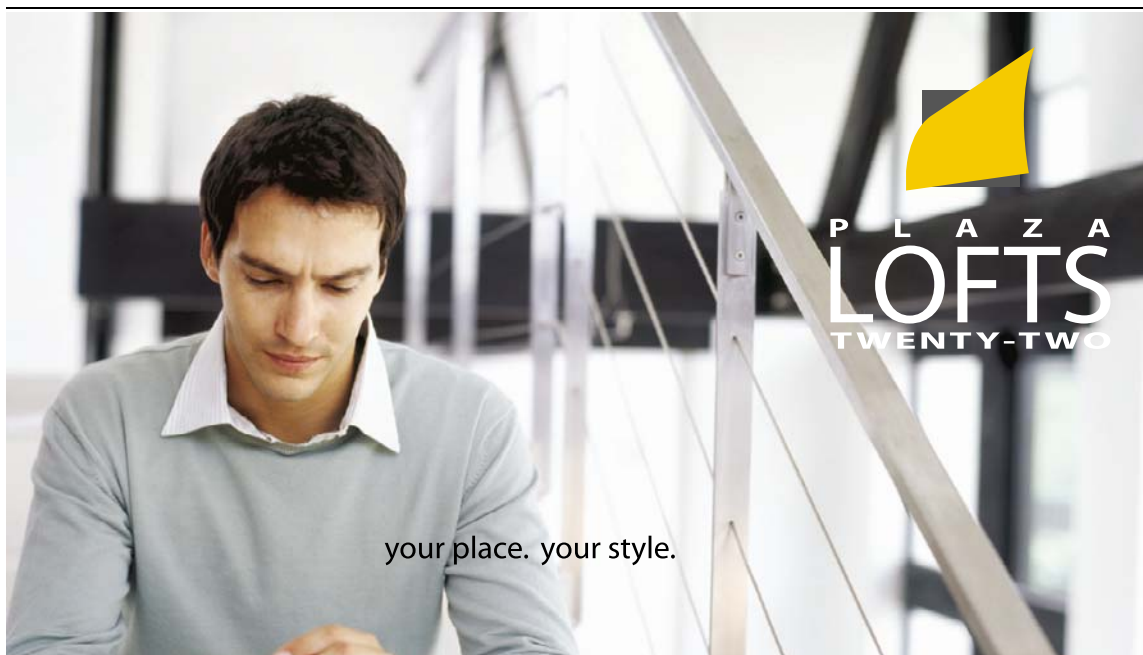
import store, Dragonfly Design and Decor, to a former auto repair shop between 14th and 15th streets Northwest on Church Street. In a

space with exposed brick walls and a showy skylight, Hessler shows off Qing dynasty altar tables and gilded Buddhas, which she said look

swell in the surrounding modern lofts. "We get a lot of condo buyers, because our pieces mix so well with the contemporary homes," said

Hessler, who, like many Logan Circle business owners, also lives in the area. "Most likely, you're going

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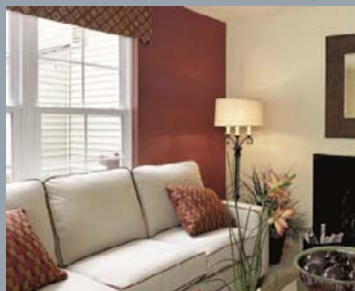
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to furnish your place with modern, sleek designs. When you incorporate an older piece, it provides some warmth and an element of surprise," said Hessler. "What's unique about Logan is that there's always a new restaurant or new boutique open, so you can stay in a four- or five-block radius and meet all your needs."

Other businesses thriving here include P Street's Logan Hardware (1416 P St. NW) and a slew of art galleries. Annie Gawlak, owner of G Fine Arts (1515 14th St. NW), set up shop here in 2001 because she saw so much else going on. "The neighborhood is vibrant, and there's a real love for the arts community," she said. Her gallery's stock features young, cutting-edge artists, which seems on target for this neighborhood.

Some days, Logan Circle also feels like one of the final frontiers for mom-and-pop shops, albeit sophisticated ones. Besides Hessler's Zen den, residents enjoy browsing at Candida Mannozi's travel bookstore, Candida's World of Books (1541 14th St. NW) and Reincarnations (1401 14th St. NW), a furniture store with dramatic, yet well-priced chaises,

gilded mirrors and statues. At the edge of the neighborhood, between R and S streets Northwest, one of the city's most vibrant blocks holds Garden District (1801 14th St. NW), an urban plant store, Muléh (1831

"Gentrification doesn't have to be an evil thing. It can be a good thing."

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14th St. NW), a chic clothing and furniture shop, and several other businesses.

Many residents and business owners point to the addition of Whole Foods in December 2000 as the moment when Logan turned from edgy to livable. "Before we opened the store, that whole corridor was quite dark at night. It was almost as if the neighborhood had two different profiles, one during

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GROWTH SPURT: Garden District (1801 14th St. NW), an urban plant lover's oasis that sells pots, ferns and fertilizer, is among many new shops in Logan Circle.

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the day and one at night," said Sarah Kenney, Director of Marketing for the Mid-Atlantic region for Whole Foods. "The first day we opened, that night, the streets were literally full of people. People want to be able to walk out at 9 at night and get an ice cream cone."

New residents are attracted to Whole Foods for its stock of French wines and Maryland organic veggies, but longtime Logan and Dupont Circle dwellers themselves helped bring the cavernous gourmet grocer to the area. "They went out of their way to reach out to Whole Foods, to tell the story of Dupont and Logan, and whenever there is a group that is that passionate, it's hard to say no," said Kenney.

This cohesive community spirit is no accident: The Logan Circle Community Association is one of the most active residents groups in the city. In addition to art events and Memorial Day celebrations — Maj. Gen. Logan was the grandfather of the holiday — the association organizes popular summertime jazz concerts in Logan Circle.

Overall, the personal investment of this diverse group makes the neighborhood a warmer place to live. "Everyone knows each other, and you

always run into people," said Jennifer Trock, President of the LCCA (and neighborhood condo owner). "It's such a changing neighborhood and people are invested in it. You have a real opportunity here to be part of where the neighborhood is going."

And look for continuing changes and additions to the neighborhood. "As soon as you get over [to 14th Street Northwest], you can build up to seven stories," said Trock. "It has to do with the zoning of 14th Street, really, the street is zoned for 7,500 square feet and very few buildings are that tall. If I say to somebody 'I'm looking at land on 14th Street,' they'll say, 'Oh, isn't that already all built up?' And my response to that is that we've barely started."

Hughes also detected the area's strong civic spirit when she moved into the area. "I figured Logan would be the typical urban environment where you don't even say hello to people in the elevator," she said. "It turns out it's really easy to get involved on the condo boards or organizing activities on our street."

"The people who move here are very like-minded," said Hughes. "We're people who appreciate art and good food, those kinds of things." KATE GHILONI





Anastassia Solovieva and Yashar Saghai tend to 20 varieties of plants in their U Street Northwest apartment, including asparagus ferns and a euphorbia.

Nipped in The Buds

Growing plants inside an apartment proves challenging for many

"I'm a serial plant killer," said Connie Tzioumis, 31, a human rights analyst who lives in Arlington. "I've killed every plant in my apartment."

Tzioumis' co-worker, Tara Guelig, can relate. "I'm starting to get annoyed," she said. Guelig, 25, reels off victims — a jade plant, a gerbera daisy, a hydrangea.

This death watch is familiar to many who live in apartments, where light and humidity can be painfully low: A once-lush houseplant loses its vigor and starts to wilt. Extra water and a watchful eye do nothing to reverse the decline. The plant gradually dies.

It doesn't have to be this way, as a trip to the U Street Northwest apartment of Anastassia Solovieva

and Yashar Saghai reveals. Their apartment is home to 20 varieties of plants, including asparagus ferns, a euphorbia and a passion plant.

Solovieva, 25, has a leg up on most of us because she's a landscape design student at George Washington University and works at the Garden District, a garden center on 14th and S streets Northwest.

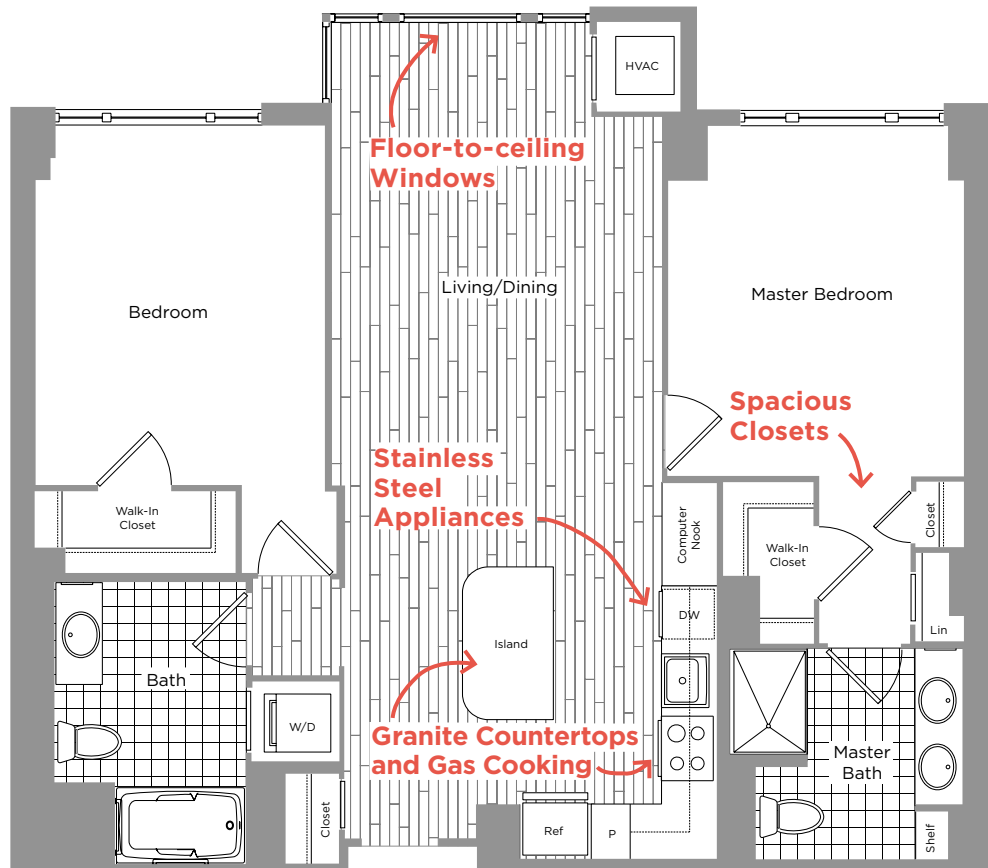
The key to increasing your odds with houseplants, said Solovieva, is a state of mind. View them as a serious commitment. "You can't just completely forget it for a while and then come back to it. With plants in apartments, you are the only thing they have for survival."

Larry Shapira, indoor-plant specialist at Merrifield Garden Center, says that the most common cause of houseplant death is improper watering. People either neglect plants and let them dry

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Anastassia Solovieva grows a purple passion plant in her U Street apartment. The key to successful plant parenting? "You can't just completely forget it," she said.

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out or shower them with too much attention. Unfortunately, the early symptoms of under-watering and over-watering appear to be nearly identical: wilting.

If a wilting plant does not perk up after you water it, there's a good chance over-watering is the culprit and root rot has set in. Healthy roots are white or beige; roots that are getting too much water are black or purple.

Improper lighting is another problem. Too little light results in starvation and reluctant flowering. Too much light "could just end up burning it," Solovieva said. Before you buy a plant, Shapira said, ask yourself what light conditions you have: Are there windows? Where do you plan to put the plant?

Shapira recommends easy-to-maintain plants, such as a peace lily or dracaena, for almost any kind of light conditions. Habitual plant killers probably should avoid most palms and orchids. "Many people don't have the light to support them," Shapira said.

Bug infestation can happen to any plant, and it's important to check often for critters. Dry apartments in winter are an invitation to mites and mealybugs; boosting the humidity with a humidifier, adding a tray of pebbles or relocating the plant to the bathroom will pay off.

Yellow and spotted leaves and tiny webs indicate that a pest is feasting on your plant, even if it can't be seen. The biggest problem is identifying the bug, said Saghai, 31.

Decent houseplants can be purchased at nurseries, green-

PLANT-CARE POINTERS Tips for maintaining healthy houseplants in an apartment:

- DO ask questions. Nursery employees are there to help. Take advantage of the free advice and be honest about your time and ability to care for a plant. Together you'll choose the best plant for your situation.
- DO start small. Try a philodendron on for size. If it lasts, graduate to a more high-maintenance plant.
- DO give your plant a hair-cut. If your leafy plant is a victim of over-watering, prune it a little. The root system won't have to work as hard to pull up standing water. Just don't go overboard. Nobody likes a bad hair-cut, plants included.
- DON'T give in to temptation. Sure, that exotic plant looks fun, but without the proper care, it's on death row.
- DON'T water on a schedule. Plants grow more slowly and need less water in the winter. Check the soil for dryness, instead. k.m.

houses and even grocery stores "when they're fresh and recently unpacked," Shapira said.

Tzioumis admits frustration with plant failures and is searching for "the cockroach of plants" before she resorts to artificial. "It needs to be able to live through the nuclear holocaust," she said. "That's the kind of plant I need." Shapira has just the plant — a philodendron: "They're tough to kill. They really are." KORIN MILLER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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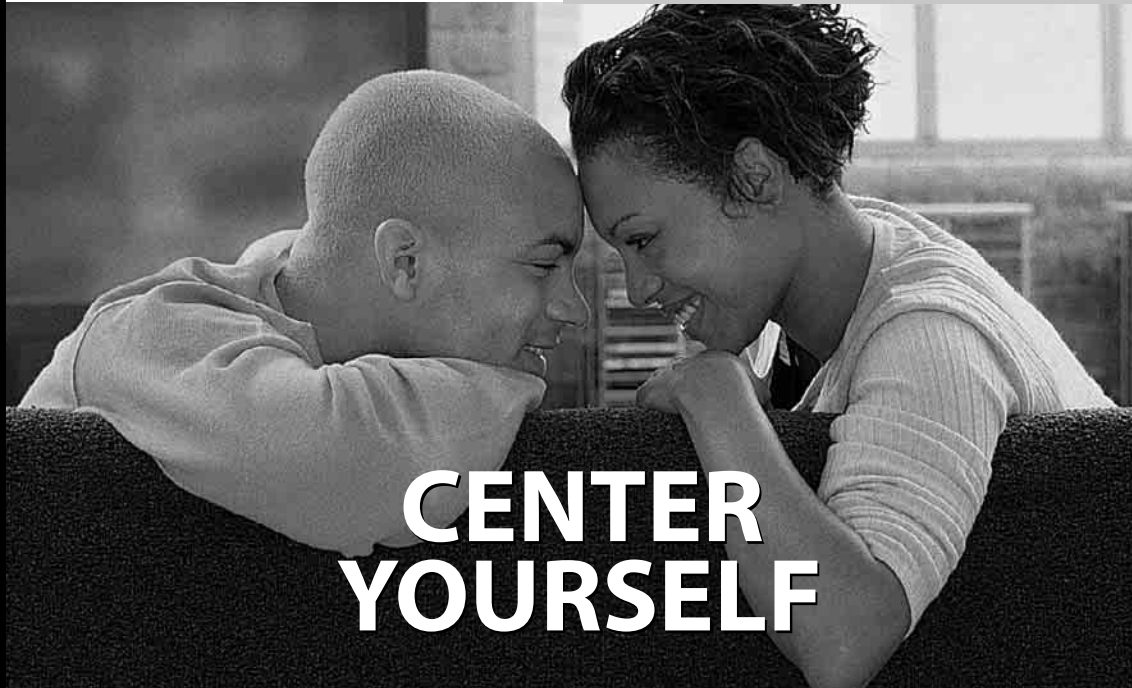
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